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Soldier killed in apparent terror attack

The body of Shahar Simani is removed from where it was found yesterday near Beit Hanina. (Brian Hendler)

Stabbed body found after phone tip

BILL HUTMAN

A SOLDIER was found stabbed to death near the Arab neighborhood of Beit Hanina in northern Jerusalem yesterday, apparently kidnapped and murdered by Arab terrorists and dumped there. Shahar Simani, 20, of Ashkelon, had been missing since Wednesday evening.

A relative who serves in the army near Jerusalem identified the body, which was apparently first discovered by a Beit Hanina resident.

Sources close to the investigation said it appeared the murder was carried out by terrorists. But they were quick to add that there were many puzzling aspects to the case, and that no terror group had claimed responsibility.

On Wednesday evening, Simani left the army base south of Beersheba for his girlfriend's home on a moshav near Kiryat Malachi.

He called his girlfriend to tell her he was on his way, police sources said. He never made it, however; he was apparently picked up by terrorists as he hitchhiked from the Kastina junction, after getting off a bus from Beersheba.

Simani's family called the police yesterday morning and reported him missing.

Initial forensics tests showed that Simani was stabbed a number of times in the back and side late Wednesday night.

An anonymous caller told Jerusalem police he had discovered a body in a wadi between in Beit Hanina at around 2 p.m. He would only identify himself as a neighborhood resident.

Dozens of police combed the area, finding the body, face-up in a pool of blood, about two meters from the narrow road linking the old and new parts of the neighborhood.

Simani was apparently stabbed elsewhere, and then abandoned by the road, said Dep. Cmdr. Ze'ev Weldeinger, head of the north Jerusalem police station.

It was unclear whether he put up a struggle before being killed. One police source said there were no signs of violence on his body, except the knife wounds on his back and side.

His army-issue weapon was apparently stolen, Weldeinger said, but his identity papers were not taken.

Police sappers checked to ensure that the body had not been booby-trapped, and investigators then gathered evidence from the scene for nearly three hours.

Across the road from the body, "Hamas is everywhere" was scrawled in green paint on a stone. Weldeinger, however, said it appeared the graffiti had been painted before the murder, and was not connected with it.

That no terror group claimed responsibility for the murder, as is usual in such instances, puzzled police investigators, as did the fact that Simani went missing in the South, but was found in Jerusalem.

The murder may have been carried out by a terror gang not under direct orders from a particular group, said one investigator.

Funeral arrangements are to be announced today. The IDF Spokesman, meanwhile, announced that Simani was posthumously promoted to second lieutenant.

Simani is survived by his parents, who are divorced, and two brothers, Alon, 19, who is serving with the IDF in Gaza, and Avibai, 16.

Sha'ath: Agreement to be signed by May 5

Peres, Arafat upbeat in Bucharest

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

AN agreement with the Palestinians on who would have legal jurisdiction over Gaza and Jericho is close, chief negotiator Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak said in Cairo yesterday.

The upbeat note coincided with a favorable tone emerging from five separate meetings between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in Bucharest. At a news conference last night, Arafat voiced confidence that he and Peres would solve this "conflict between brothers."

Meanwhile, chief Palestinian negotiator Nabil Sha'ath insisted that an agreement would be signed between May 2 and May 5. "The big possibility is that we will finish next week, and this will allow the agreement to be signed the following week," he told reporters.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* last week, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that he hoped the accord would be wrapped up during the first half of May.

Even after the negotiations on issues of jurisdiction and other matters conclude, Rabin and Arafat are expected to meet to resolve issues of symbolic importance, such as whether the Palestinians will have their own passport, stamps, and telephone area code, and whether a Palestinian soldier will be posted at the Jordan-Jericho and Egypt-Gaza crossing points.

The Rabin-Arafat talks are also to decide on the final size of Jericho.

Meanwhile, the Cairo negotiators dealing with the handover of 38 areas of civilian authority wrapped up their talks, Palestinian negotiator Jamil Tarifi said. In Paris, however, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat complained that economic talks were at a standstill, due to Palestinian demands on issues that are "essential" to Israel. (See story, Page 14)

Shahak sounded optimistic on the issue of jurisdiction. "There is sensitivity to the word jurisdiction, but I do believe we can agree and we are not too far from reaching agreement on the issue," he told a news conference.

The two sides have not resolved whether foreigners in Gaza and Jericho will be subject to Palestinian law, Shahak said. Sha'ath, however, said they were on the brink of a solution that met Palestinian demands.

Under the Oslo accords, it would appear that Israelis would not come under Palestinian jurisdiction in Gaza and Jericho. In Annex Two, Article Three, it says: "The above agreement will include among other things... structure, powers, and responsibilities of the Palestinian authority in these areas, except: external security, settlements, Israelis, foreign relations, and other mutually agreed matters."

Shahak reiterated that Israel would free 5,000 Palestinian prisoners, but for the first time, said Israel would discuss releasing the rest of the 8,400 being held after the self-rule deal is signed – a move seen as a concession by the PLO.

He did not promise that all the rest would be released, however. Israel has said that it would not release Hamas prisoners or prisoners who have committed murder. Among the 8,400 prisoners, about 1,800 are Hamas members, according to PLO sources.

Shahak described this week's talks as "very fruitful" and said the negotiators would be "close to summing up" their work next week. "I cannot impose a date for the agreement to be signed, but the day is not very far," he said.

In Bucharest, Arafat took pains to praise both Peres and Rabin, terming them "the leaders who are making the peace of the courageous."

Peres said the sides were now *discussing the practical framework* and timetable for transferring power, but he refused to mention dates.

"We are interested in shortening as much as possible the transition period," Peres said. "One side enters and the other leaves and that's that. We are very close."

"We are at the beginning of the end, and we are trying to find a way to complete this great historic voyage of the Palestinian people and the Israeli people," Peres said. "Chairman Arafat is leading the Palestinian people to a new destiny and to something they have never had in the past."

At a joint news conference, Arafat warned the alternative to carrying out the autonomy accord is "more bloodshed."

"My appeal to Prime Minister Rabin and Mr. Peres, who have the upper hand, is to look to us who have the lower hand and withdraw," he said. "Are you going to implement what we agreed?"

The meetings in the Romanian capital constituted one of the most fevered rounds of Israeli-PLO diplomacy since the Declaration of Principles was signed in Washington last September. Peres and Arafat met five times and held two rounds of bilateral talks.

They met for a session with Romanian President Ion Iliescu and appeared together at the Crans Montana Forum, an international gathering of business executives and politicians.

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Rabin: 'Settlements on Golan can be evacuated for peace'

DAVID MAKOVSKY and SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday he favored evacuating settlements on the Golan Heights to achieve peace with Syria.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, scheduled to arrive in the region next week to revive talks with Syria, is expected to utilize both the substance and timing of Rabin's remarks to try to obtain concessions from Syria, senior diplomatic sources said last night. This would mean transforming his trip from a routine visit into shuttle diplomacy.

Christopher yesterday told a congressional panel that both Israel and Syria would soon be faced with tough decisions about peace.

Rabin, speaking before the United Kibbutz Movement, said that "no settlements should be evacuated except for peace. But if we need to evacuate settlements for the sake of peace, I was in favor of that in the past and I am in favor of it now. For me, peace is a more important value for Israel's future security than one group of settlements or another."

"Let's put things for once and for all in the context of the new reality of a great and strong country. This is not the eve of the War of Independence when every settlement was vital," Rabin said.

He also ridiculed the idea that there could be peace with Syria while retaining the entire Golan. "Whoever says 'Peace with the whole Golan,' says no to peace. Whoever says different is deceiving you."

Aides close to Rabin said his willingness to discuss the evacuation of settlements reflects an easing domestic political situation, following his decision to hold a referendum on any deal with Syria over the Golan.

Rabin's remarks are a sign that Israel is deadly serious about reaching an accord with Syria, according a high-ranking source.

"I doubt that Rabin will tell Christopher he is ready for total withdrawal, from the Golan, but he is doing everything else. Rabin went to the US last month and did not request a delay in serious peace talks with Syria. He received internal papers that are all based on the assumption of full withdrawal. Now, as his remarks today indicate, he is preparing public opinion on settlements," he said.

The right was united in arguing that Rabin's readiness to remove Golan settlements constitutes grounds for new elections. All right-wing parties contended that, in his latest pronouncements, Rabin has clearly reneged on all his pre-election undertakings, including statements he made at the very close of the 1992 campaign.

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu noted that "exactly 12 hours before the end of the campaign, Rabin very ceremoniously announced that anyone who leaves the Golan would be guilty of abandoning Israel's security. Now that Rabin for the first time had publicly renounced his undertakings and is ready to give up the Golan, he has shown himself delinquent in maintaining security.

'Since his callous deception of the voters has now come to light, it is high time this inept prime minister resigns and calls new elections."

Netanyahu charged that Rabin "does not know how to conduct negotiations and is not worthy of being entrusted with such a task. He erases his red lines almost as quickly as he draws them. He cannot stick to any principle. The talks with Syria haven't yet started, and he has already yielded and made the greatest concession possible. This is no way to handle negotiations. Why should the Syrians now settle for any less than all they want?"

The Golan Settler's Council also reacted angrily, saying Rabin is retreating from Zionism.

"Settlements are the basis of the existence of the state. Anyone who is ready to uproot them, and remove residents from their homes, severs the branch on which the State of Israel rests," the council said in a statement.

The only way security for Israel can be assured is with "a Jewish army and Jewish settlements on the Golan," said Eli Malka, chairman of the council.

Malka said that Golan residents must now engage in a tough fight with the government over public opinion. But he said he is confident that residents would prevail in the long run.

Jacob Dallal contributed to this report.

Peled case won't be reopened

BILL HUTMAN

ATTORNEY-General Michael Ben-Yair has decided not to reopen the investigation into Police Inspector-General Rafi Peled.

Last month, the High Court ordered Ben-Yair to again look into Peled's receiving large discounts at the Moriah Hotel chain, and free use of a beach whose owner has a criminal record. But Ben-Yair, in a statement released by the police spokesman, found Peled's decision to resign made it unnecessary to look into possible disciplinary violations on his part.

Ben-Yair also canceled the disciplinary remark put into Peled's personal file by Police Minister Moshe Shahal.

He based his decision on the High Court ruling, which sparked Peled's resignation nearly two weeks ago. The resignation takes effect May 1.

"The resignation of the inspector-general makes coming to conclusions in the disciplinary realm almost completely irrelevant," Ben-Yair wrote. He noted that the court found that Peled committed no crimes, and only raised the question of whether disciplinary action should be taken.

"I believe there is no need or place to complete the investigation," Ben-Yair wrote.

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44 died on roads last month

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE carnage on the roads continued last month, claiming 44 lives and leaving 292 people with serious injuries, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

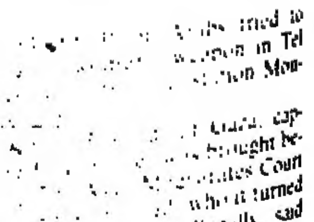
Fatalities rose 12.8 percent over February, and serious injuries increased 2.4 ... The number of accidents last month rose 6.3% to 1,527, and the number of injured increased 10.7 ... to 2,764.

During the first quarter of the year, road fatalities jumped 12.2% ... Nevertheless, the total number of accidents dropped by nearly a third to 4,601, and serious ... fell 12 ... to 876.

According to police records, there were 1,527 road accidents that killed or injured 2,764 people last month. Forty of the accidents were fatal, and 234 led to serious injuries.

In the first quarter of the year, there were 4,601 accidents, which resulted in 8,104 injuries, including 138 deaths.

Arabs try to steal soldier's weapon in bus station



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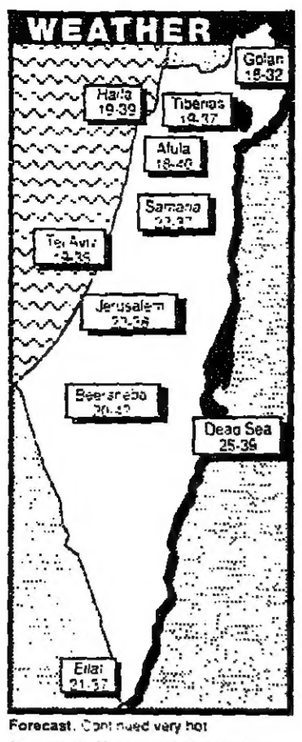

Forecast: Continued very hot

Outlook for Shabbat: Much cooler with chance of rain

Winning numbers

IN last night's weekly Payis Hazak drawing, ticket 246989 won the NIS 1 million prize. The Honda sports car went to ticket 020571.

Winning NIS 5,000 were tickets 498367, 822308, 080297, 887766, 266854, 266854, 540850, 503449, 622217, 093069, 417327, 570038, 410582, 051537, 003774, 025097, 115237, 373431, 715370, 373852, 383729, 393795, 488697, 776724, 721791, 155564, and 662454.

NIS 1,000 went to tickets ending in 33937, 29427, 96531, 54293, 26715, 72134, 11635, 86546, 81242, 15528, 36198, 93566, 88692, 85553, 67743, 44443, 72836, 83278 and 64864.

Tickets ending in 066, 581, 237 and 920 won NIS 100, while tickets ending in 00, 15, 57 and 67 won NIS 20.

NIS 10 went to tickets ending in 64, 09, 93, 46, 01, 41, and 34, while NIS 7 went to tickets ending in 1.

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the jack of spades, 10 of hearts, queen of diamonds and queen of clubs.

Hamas, Fatah near second agreement

LAMIA LAHOUD

AN AGREEMENT between Hamas and Fatah, similar to the one reached in Gaza recently, is being negotiated for the rest of the territories, Hamas leader Sheikh Bassam Jarrar, of Ramallah, said earlier this week.

Jarrar, one of the 405 Hamas deportees who returned several months ago from south Lebanon, was arrested again on Monday. Before his arrest, he told *The Jerusalem Post* that Hamas would carry out attacks against Israelis in areas not under Palestinian control. According to Fatah sources, Jarrar has considerable support among the more radical young elements in Hamas.

Fatah leader Marwan Baghouteh confirmed Jarrar's statement. But he insisted Fatah's aim in making the agreement is to persuade the fundamentalist group to cooperate with the Palestinian authority and stop its opposition to the autonomy accord.

Israel has warned the PLO that an agreement to turn a blind eye to Hamas attacks against Israelis outside the autonomous areas will annul the Israel-PLO agreement. Fatah leaders in the territories angrily retort that an agreement with Hamas is an inter-Palestinian affair designed to keep Hamas quiet and does not concern Israel.

"In areas under our control we can ask Hamas to stop attacks against Israelis not to destroy the autonomy accord. Outside our areas, we have no control," said Baghouteh.

Baghouteh, a member of the Fatah Revolutionary Command, is one of the deportees who returned two weeks ago. He said he had been involved in negotiations with Hamas in Jordan while working for the PLO office in Amman.

He argues that it is against Fatah's interest to let Hamas continue attacks against Israel while Fatah talks peace. These attacks, he said, increase popular support for Hamas.

Sheikh Jamil Hammameh of eastern Jerusalem, who declines to be called a Hamas member following the wave of arrests of Hamas activists in recent days, refers to himself as a member of the Islamic movement. Hammameh said autonomy will be implemented despite Hamas's efforts to sabotage the agreement, and he is certain Hamas will try to reach an agreement with the Palestinian authority to avoid internecine bloodshed. It will be difficult, he admitted, because the PLO will be bound by an agreement to ensure calm and cooperate with Israel on security measures, but "both Hamas and Fatah will find ways to avoid confrontation."

Hinting that Hamas may temporarily use political means rather than violence, Hammameh nevertheless insisted that Hamas will continue to attack Israelis. "No one can forbid us to attack the occupation force. We will strike at the Zionist pirates wherever we find them," he said, adding that for Hamas, Haifa and Jaffa are occupied Palestinian lands, too.

Nor would the Hamas denounce attacks against Israelis to gain a release of its prisoners, Hammameh insisted. The PLO has asked Israel to release Hamas prisoners if the movement denounces violence against Israeli civilians. But He said the release of prisoners is not a gift from the PLO or Israel, but a Palestinian right.

"They are negotiating a prisoner release while Israel is arresting hundreds of Hamas people. This should be an indication to the PLO that Israel is not serious about peace, and Arafat should stop the negotiations," he said.

"These statements could mean that Hamas is changing its policy and will recognize a peace treaty with Israel, or they could be a trial balloon to see what Hamas could gain from it," said Riad Malki, spokesman for PFLP.

Hamas leaders themselves still don't seem to know what to do. "We will wait and see, and adapt our methods to the new circumstances," admitted Hammameh.

11 Fatah activists return from exile

JON IMMANUEL

ELEVEN wanted Fatah gunmen who fled abroad during the intifada returned to the Gaza Strip yesterday, the second group to return this week.

They included three who came through the Rafiah terminal with their wives and 13 children to cheers from several hundred youthful well-wishers. Most notable among the returnees was Abdel-Hakim Ja'edi, 26, who headed the Rafik Salmi group, named after a gunman who was shot by troops after he killed several Palestinians he considered collaborators.

Ja'edi, from Shaboura camp in Rafiah, fled in 1989 and found refuge in a Libyan camp for PLO deportees.

About 300 wanted Fatah gunmen and activists fled Gaza during the intifada, and all of them have been permitted to return in staggered groups, according to sources inside the PLO office in Gaza.

"It is possible that more will return," the army said, but had no numbers.

Six other fugitives arrived on Tuesday and more returnees are expected today.

Meanwhile, Ghassan Firi, a Fatah activist, died in Shifa Hospital after being shot in the chest during a clash with soldiers in the Shajaiya neighborhood of Gaza on Wednesday night, Palestinian sources said. The IDF confirmed the death. Palestinians reported seven to 12 wounded in clashes in Shajaiya and Jabalya following his death.

In the Khan Yunis area, soldiers arrested 11 Gazans in connection with the shooting of two Israelis traveling to Gush Katif on Wednesday night. The two were slightly wounded by glass splinters when shots were fired from a passing car with Israeli license plates. An ammunition clip with the Hamas insignia stamped on it was found near the scene of the shooting, the IDF said.

Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, issued a leaflet taking responsibility for the attack as a reprisal for the arrest of hundreds of Hamas members this week. It warned against "continuing the investigation of the Hamas heroes," and said attacks will continue daily until soldiers leave the territories.

In a statement given to Agence France Presse in Nicosia, Hamas clarified its position concerning relations with Israel. A complete withdrawal to the pre-1967 borders could lead to a cease-fire, but not a permanent peace agreement, it said.

The IDF began easing the closure of the Gaza Strip yesterday permitting families to visit relatives in Ketziot prison camp in the Negev, Israel TV reported.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat meet yesterday in Bucharest. The two are guests of Romanian President Ion Iliescu. (Yitzhak Elhanat/Scoop)

Court upholds meat import licenses

THE High Court of Justice yesterday rejected the petition of Meatreal meat importers, which had asked it to order the government to proceed immediately with full privatization of meat imports and stop demanding importers apply for licenses.

Meatreal had filed the petition several months ago, after the government decided that private imports would be allowed but would be controlled for a time by requiring all potential importers to obtain licenses.

Meatreal argued that since a previous High Court ruling had ordered the immediate privatization of the meat market, the government has no right to continue controlling the market via licenses.

The government had argued that a transition period, during which the quantity of imports would be restricted, is needed to give local producers time to adjust to competition. Meatreal, however, had countered that the government had spoken of protecting local producers exclusively via customs duties, not licenses.

But the Industry and Trade Ministry convinced the court that controlling the market via licenses was to be only a temporary measure.

"The court has no way of knowing whether the government's fears regarding privatization without a transition period are justified. But two things are clear: one, that the government is now interested in proceeding with full privatization, and two, that privatization has already begun in great measure, as the government is no longer importing meat and all meat importing is now being done by private importers who require licenses from the Industry and Trade Ministry," the court decision read. (Itim)

Ma'aleh Ephraim families deny they want to leave

EVELYN GORDON and Itim

DOZENS of families in the Jordan Valley settlement of Ma'aleh Ephraim yesterday denied signing a petition requesting to be evacuated with compensation. They said the petition they had signed called for increased security, and that the paragraph on compensation had been added later by Gabi Ariel, the organizer of the petition drive.

Labor MK Yossi Katz, who met with the residents last night and heard their complaint, has introduced a private member's bill that would mandate compensation for settlers who leave their homes.

Meanwhile, a petition to the High Court of Justice charged yesterday that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has no right to give the security of people living inside the Green Line a higher priority than that of residents of the territorie.

The petition, filed by the town of Ariel and its mayor, Likud MK Ron Nahman, is based on an April 13 interview Rabin gave to Israel Television. In the interview, Rabin said:

"My chief responsibility is first of all to the residents of sovereign Israel, including united Jerusalem. Some 4.2 million Israeli Jews live in sovereign Israel... 120,000 live in the territories."

The petition demands that the court prevent Rabin from taking any operative steps to put these priorities into practice by reducing security arrangements in the territories.

Also yesterday, leaders of Jordan Valley and Judea, Samaria and Gaza settlements rejected the idea of putting Jewish settlers under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian self-rule authority, saying it would result in a war between Arab and Jewish residents.

More clashes in south Lebanon

HIZBULLAH gunmen again clashed with Israeli troops and South Lebanese Army militiamen in southern Lebanon yesterday. Security sources said there was an undetermined number of casualties.

Officers of a UN peacekeeping force counted more than 100 artillery and mortar rounds fired within two hours from Israeli and SLA positions on Shi'ite-populated villages facing the central sector of the security zone.

In Jerusalem, the IDF Spokesman said shots were fired at Israeli forces in the eastern sector of the security zone, causing no casualties. The soldiers returned fire, he said, but gave no other details.

Meanwhile, Lebanese troops yesterday stormed an Abu Nidal training camp in southeastern Lebanon where the murder of a Jordanian diplomat three months ago allegedly was plotted, security sources said. (AP)

Three die in two road accidents

TWO persons were killed and one seriously injured in a traffic accident near Turan in the Lower Galilee yesterday morning.

Amar Hajiri and Salah Dabas, both 22 and from Uzar, near Nazareth, were killed when their car was hit head-on by a car driven by Edward Kaspach, 46, of Tiberias, who had suddenly swerved into the oncoming lane. He was severely injured.

In Kfar Nagid near Yavne, 3-year-old Nadav Potzomsky was killed when he was hit by a car driven by a neighbor, as he ran across the street to his waiting grandfather after being dropped off from nursery school.

In another accident, 15 people were lightly injured when three buses collided on Jaffa Road, near Jerusalem's central bus station. (Itim)

CORRECTIONS

Cabinet Secretary Elyakim Rubinstein, who will become legal adviser to the Defense Ministry on May 1, will retain his position as head of the delegation to the peace talks with Jordan, and not as printed in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*.

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Social workers begin strike

SASHA SADAN

THE Association of Social Workers began an open-ended strike yesterday to protest Treasury foot-dragging on implementing a wage agreement signed nearly a year ago, but members continued to handle what union headquarters deemed urgent cases.

A letter to a social worker from a 16-year-old girl who said her drug-addicted father had threatened to harm her physically, that she had already tried to kill herself and that she had nowhere to go, was deemed urgent enough to handle, union spokesman David Ziso said.

But to hundreds of others, the union office said no.

A 43-year-old woman in her 20th week of pregnancy who discovered that she is carrying a baby with Down's Syndrome, was left waiting over her request for an abortion.

A seven-year-old girl was taken home by her mother even though she had allegedly been the victim of incest at the hands of her older brother. The social worker, who was refused permission to get involved, feared the mother would pressure the child to take back what she had told to a welfare investigator.

The union says that the Treasury has backtracked on almost all the promises made in the wage agreement signed last May, after a six-day strike which left the country's needy and distressed similarly in limbo.

When he declared the strike at a press conference on Wednesday, union head Eli Ben-Gera noted that 75% of social workers in local authorities are in the lowest four grades of their wage scale, with no chance to move ahead. The pay for a full-time starting social worker, with an academic degree, is NIS 1,870 a month before taxes.

Union spokesman Ziso said last night that the Treasury had not contacted the union yesterday.

Meanwhile, a three-year-old in an institution who should be allowed to see her parents once a week by court order, will have no visit this week since the absence of a social worker prevents the order from being carried out.

A 15-year-old girl who had been kicked out of her house and came into a welfare office was considered too emotionally upset to undergo psychological testing, and she was left on the street, Ziso said. The local social worker was not allowed to arrange shelter for her.

Union head Eli Ben-Gera said last night that the real dangers resulting from the strike had to weigh on the conscience of Treasury wage director Shalom Granit.

Meretz MK Anat Maor, who heads the Knesset subcommittee on the advancement of women in the economy, demanded that labor and social affairs committee chairman MK Amir Peretz convene the committee immediately to discuss the strike before the suffering worsened.

Yona Baumel (r) meets yesterday with Faisal Husseini. (Brian Hendler)

Yona Baumel: Peres helping Arafat conceal information on MiAs

BATSHEVA TSUR

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres is collaborating with Yasser Arafat to hide information about the MiAs, the father of one of them charged yesterday.

"Peres is holding the ladder for Arafat to climb down. He's working for the PLO against the IDF," Yona Baumel, father of Zacharia Baumel said. He was commenting on Peres's remarks in Bucharest that Arafat had no information on the missing soldiers.

Earlier, Baumel met at Orient House in Jerusalem with local Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini, who said that he would raise the fate of the MiAs during his visit to Tunis this weekend and report back to their families.

"Husseini represents the Palestinians in this region and is more sensitive to their needs. It is to both sides' benefit. For every Israeli MiA, there are 1,500 Palestinian prisoners," Baumel said.

Baumel said that Arafat had returned half of Zacharia's army dog tag in December and had not kept his promise to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that he would provide further information.

"Where did he get that half dog tag? Abu Jihad [Arafat's late deputy] had an impression made of an unbroken dog tag," Baumel said, referring to the military practice of breaking the dog tag only when a soldier is killed. "If there are graves, as Arafat says, let him show the bodies. I have information that the boys are alive. I can't sign this, but I was told a few months ago that my son was alive."

He called on the IDF "not to leave a soldier in the field" and to put an end to the 12 years of uncertainty the families have faced.

Meanwhile, members of the Katz and Feldman families continued their hunger strike outside the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv, while Miriam Baumel continued her vigil outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

Ben-Eliezer: 15,000 foreign workers to come despite Namir

SASHA SADAN

HOUSING Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said yesterday that the preparation to bring in 15,000 foreign construction workers would proceed, despite Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir's warning that she would not permit so many to enter.

"There was a government decision on this matter, and I believe that 15,000 foreign workers will come to Israel to replace workers from the territories, because today there is a lack of 40,000 construction workers," Ben-Eliezer said.

Meanwhile, a construction company in Ashdod found to be employing eight foreign workers without a permit will not be able to apply for additional foreign workers, the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry announced.

When the case came to light, Namir met with the heads of the Employment Service and the ministry unit that investigates alleged infractions of labor laws and demanded that every case of illegal employment involving contractors be reported directly to her, so she can watch the situation closely.

The case in Ashdod involved a large company, Namir's spokesman said. Three of the eight workers discovered were detained by the police and will be deported. But during the investigation, which took two days, the other five managed to disappear.

Namir's office said that the ministry unit checking for illegal foreign workers had recently found 52 foreign workers here without proper work permits.

Court orders examination of patient in right-to-die case

RAINE MARCUS

A TEL Aviv District Court judge yesterday ordered an independent doctor to examine stroke victim Eva Ofri, 75, whose sons have petitioned the court to disconnect her from life support machines.

Judge Uri Goren appointed Dr. Pinchas Halperin, head of Ichilov Hospital's emergency ward, to give his opinion on Ofri's condition.

Yoram and Eitan Ofri had asked the court to issue a declaratory injunction, but the ruling was postponed until next week.

Eva Ofri suffered a stroke in February and has been in Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer since then, connected to a respiratory machines.

A month ago suffered heart failure. Five minutes passed before doctors restored her heartbeat, resulting in brain damage. She does not react to her surroundings or pain and is classified as a "vegetable," said Yitzhak Hoshen, her sons' attorney.

Her sons said that in the past she had said she would prefer to die rather than be connected to life support machines. The only reason she agreed to allow doctors to connect her to a respiratory machine, said Hoshen, was because she believed it was a temporary measure.

The head of Sheba's neurological department has said "the chances of an improvement in her condition are very slim," wrote Hoshen in his petition.

Nili Arad to defend Shamgar

EVELYN GORDON

NILI Arad, head of the Justice Ministry's High Court of Justice division, will defend Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar against a petition demanding that Judge Abdel Rahman Zuabi be removed from the commission of inquiry into the Hebron massacre, the ministry said yesterday.

The petition, filed by Tel Aviv lawyers Amnon Galbert and Yoel Shlomo, will be heard next Wednesday. Judge Mishael Cheshin granted the petitioners a show-cause order earlier this week.

Basing their petition on an April 8 interview with Zuabi published in *Ma'ariv*, Galbert and Shlomo want Zuabi disqualified because of his preconceived notions about the settlers.

"When I came to the commission, I knew that the cruel side in the territories was the settlers," Zuabi was quoted as saying. "But I didn't have facts ... I knew that the IDF treated the settlers differently, but I didn't dream there were written orders [to do so]. I simply stumbled on the revelation that shook the country, about the open-fire orders."

Zuabi has denied that he made these remarks. However, *Ma'ariv* said it had witnesses who could confirm the accuracy of its report.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Policeman hurt capturing cattle rustlers

A Border Police officer was seriously injured early yesterday while trying to capture cattle rustlers in the Golan Heights.

At about 2 a.m., a car tried to escape after reaching a roadblock set up by the Border Police as part of an attempt to catch cattle thieves. When the border policemen tried to stop the car, the driver drove into one of the officers, seriously injuring him. He was brought to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

The two passengers, residents of Kafr Tuba in the Galilee, were arrested. Officers found a dead calf in the car. *Itim*

26 arrested for illegally staying in Israel

Twenty-six territories' residents who did not have permits to stay in Israel were arrested yesterday morning near Kafr Tamra.

Shfaram police said nine of those arrested were minors and that most of them were from the Jenin area. Some of them had been sleeping in the fields near the village, while others were staying in the homes of Tamra residents, police said. *Itim*

Foreign travel up in first quarter

A record total of 189,200 tourists arrived during March, 15 percent more than arrived during the same month in 1993, the Tourism Ministry announced yesterday.

According to surveys conducted by the ministry, about 60% of those visiting are Christians. About 30% are Jews and, the remainder either fell into other categories or chose not to answer.

Meanwhile, 287,700 Israelis traveled abroad in the first quarter of the year, as opposed to 206,200 in January-March 1993, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Of the travelers, 261,700 flew, and 22,000 went by land – most to Sinai.

Ashkelon man charged with murder

Daniel Morali, 42, of Ashkelon, was charged yesterday in Beersheba District Court with the murder of truck driver Riyad Hassan Silimiya, 35, of the village of Idna, when the latter stopped and got out of his truck on the Kiryat Gat-Hebron road late last month.

According to the indictment, Morali came upon Silimiya, stopped his car, and fired several shots at him. The prosecution claimed there was no apparent provocation on Silimiya's part, and that Morali had committed the murder in cold blood.

The prosecution demanded that Morali remain in custody until the end of legal proceedings against him, but Judge Yadin Timor scheduled a hearing on that issue in two weeks. *Itim*

David Ben-Rafael Fellowship awarded

Tel Aviv University professor Ron Pundak, one of the original go-betweens in the secret Oslo channel that led to the Israeli-PLO accord, has been awarded the first David Ben-Rafael Fellowship at Hebrew University's Truman Institute.

The fellowship was established in memory of the deputy chief of mission at the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina who was killed in the terrorist explosion there two years ago.

After making aliya and joining the foreign service, Ben-Rafael served on the Israeli team negotiating the return of Sinai to Egypt in the early 1980s. *Hillel Kutler*

High Court asked to ban Moledet

Moledet should be disqualified as a political party, and the parliamentary immunity of its leader, Rehavam Ze'evi, should be removed, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded yesterday. The petition, filed by a prisoner named Sami Ibrahim Kayam, charges that Moledet espouses the same "terroristic" ideology as the banned Kach and Kahane Chai groups, and should therefore be banned as well.

Shemer named top IDF medical officer

Dr. Yehoshua Shemer, associate director-general of the Health Ministry, has been appointed chief medical officer of the IDF. The appointment will take effect in two months. Shemer, an internal medicine and medical administration expert, had been loaned by the IDF to the ministry for two years. He will replace Dr. Michael Weiner as chief medical officer.

Searches for Dakar to be resumed

Greece will allow Israel to resume searches for the Dakar submarine, Greece's deputy defense minister said yesterday after meeting with Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur, who emphasized Israel's resolve to locate the sub, which disappeared in 1968 en route to Israel, and the 89 passengers.

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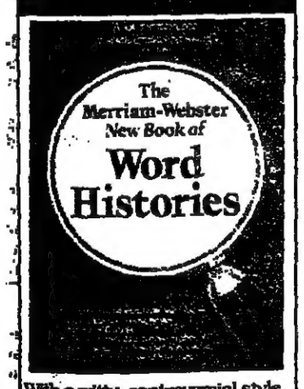

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Two Iraqi diplomats arrested in slaying

BEIRUT (AP) – Lebanese policemen yesterday arrested two Iraqi diplomats wanted in the murder of a political dissident as they prepared to board a flight out of the country with other expelled members of the mission.

Plainclothes detectives grabbed the diplomats when they climbed out of Iraqi Charge d'Affaires Awad Fakhri's bulletproof Mercedes Benz outside the airport terminal building. The limousine carried an Iraqi flag and diplomatic license plates.

Fakhri angrily protested the arrests. He waved his arms in the air as the two seized diplomats, Hadi Hassan and Ali Sultan Darwish, were taken away, AP photographer Ahmed Azakir reported.

News photographers and cameramen were kept about 100 meters away. They were banned from taking pictures and police later seized films and video cassettes from them, Azakir said.

Hassan, a low-ranking diplomat, is suspected of shooting Iraqi dissident Taleb Ali Suheil April 12. Darwish, the embassy's consul, is allegedly an intelligence chief who masterminded the assassination. Two other diplomats were arrested hours after the murder.

Al-Suheil, 64, was reported to be a key figure in a plot last year to overthrow Saddam Hussein. He was killed with a single bullet through the heart as he answered the door at his Beirut apartment.

Lebanon severed diplomatic relations with Saddam's government on Monday, saying Suheil was murdered on direct orders of Iraq's intelligence department. Baghdad has denied the charge.

The case raised questions over whether the Beirut government had the jurisdiction under international law to arrest and put on trial foreign diplomats, who usually enjoy immunity from prosecution.

UN sources: At least 15 killed in Gorazde clinic

News agencies

SARAJEVO – Bosnian Serb tank shells hit a medical center in the Moslem town of Gorazde yesterday, killing between 15 and 20 patients and wounding others, UN sources said in Sarajevo.

The first round blew away sandbags around the ground floor of the makeshift clinic which was filled with patients, they said.

"The second round exploded inside, killing between 15 and 20," one source said.

But it was impossible to verify the exact number of casualties or reach the wounded in the latest shelling attack because the area was being raked by gunfire, the UN sources said.

In Washington yesterday, Secretary of State Warren Christopher told Congress that the United States is becoming involved in Bosnia to try to deter the Serbs from expanding the war into Croatia and Macedonia.

Christopher said the North Atlantic Council today will take up President Clinton's proposal to use air power unless the Serbs withdraw from the outskirts of six Moslem enclaves.

"We just cannot turn our back on the situation," he told a Senate subcommittee while Serb artillery shelled Gorazde's where 65,000 civilians are trapped.

"Even a cautious secretary of state, and I guess I will always be, feels a need to vindicate US leadership," Christopher said. He told a skeptical chairman, Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-SC), that US strategic interests were at stake in Bosnia.

Christopher said the Serbs have in a mind creating a greater Serbia and moving probably into Croatia and Macedonia, as well.

"We have a strategic interest in preventing that war from spreading," Christopher said.

He reiterated Clinton's assurances that US ground troops would not be sent into the two-year conflict. But if the NATO council concurs, and Christopher said France was lining up with Washington, US warplanes would be ready to strike Serb positions if they did not withdraw from safety zones around Gorazde and five other mostly Moslem enclaves designated as "havens" last year by the UN Security Council.

The clinic hit was opposite Gorazde's main hospital, where 10 patients were killed on Wednesday when three rockets hit the building.

A shell also landed near a Gorazde mosque and a number of people were believed to have been killed, the sources said.

A refugee told UN relief workers in Gorazde that an eight-month pregnant woman and her three children were killed on Wednesday when a shell smashed into a refugee center where they were sheltering.

The Serbs launched their latest attack after a multinational convoy of UN peacekeepers left Sarajevo airport yesterday for Gorazde.

Retrial sought as Touvier transferred to Paris prison

PARIS (AP) — The lawyer for Nazi collaborator Paul Touvier yesterday demanded a new trial for his client for the murders of seven Jewish hostages during World War II.

Touvier, 79, a high-ranking member of the pro-Nazi Vichy regime's militia, on Wednesday became the first Frenchman ever convicted of complicity of crimes against humanity.

He was transferred from the women's prison – where he had been held for convience during his five-week trial in Versailles – to La Sante prison in Paris, where he will serve his life sentence.

The prison has a well-equipped hospital. Touvier has had prostate cancer, though he did not show evidence of poor health at his trial.

The conviction has spurred demands to bring Maurice Papon, head of the national police in Bordeaux during the war and a much bigger fish than Touvier, to trial for deporting 1,690 Jews.

Papon has been charged with crimes against humanity, but his case has dragged in the courts. His lawyer, Jean-Marc Varaut, issued a statement yesterday predicting the case would be dropped.

Four unidentified Turks stand in front of the burned-out house in Bielefeld yesterday. (AP)

German youths admit setting Turks' house alight

BIELEFELD, Germany (Reuter) – Racist violence in Germany flared again as rightwingers torched a house inhabited by Turks on Wednesday night's anniversary of Hitler's birth.

Six youths aged between 14 and 16 were arrested after the blaze, police said yesterday. Five confessed but one, believed to be the ringleader, made no statement.

The house's first floor was gutted, but the 13 of its 15 Turkish residents who were in at the time escaped unharmed.

Police said their inquiries had shown the attack was motivated by rightwing ideology and timed to take place on the 105th birthday of Adolf Hitler.

Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen, the government's Ombudswoman for Foreigners' Affairs commented: "We must ask ourselves how 14- to 16-year-olds get the idea of celebrating Hitler's birthday, setting fire to foreigners' houses and apparently accepting that people might die."

The latest incident came four weeks after the firebombing of a synagogue in Luebeck – the first since the Nazi Holocaust – as another reminder that neo-Nazi violence which has dogged Germany since unificati n in 1990 has not been eradicated.

The federal prosecutor's office was called in to help with the investigations in a sign the case was being treated as political extremism.

In nearby Duesseldorf, the trial of four young men continued for the bloodiest assault in the last three years – the firebombing of a house in Solingen last May in which five Turkish women and girls from one extended family died.

Authorities in eastern Germany also reported a number of incidents involving rightwingers on Wednesday, including one where an unidentified youth threw a firebomb at the wall of a hostel in the town of Riesa where 200 asylum seekers lived.

In Riesa, authorities said no-one was hurt in the overnight blaze outside the asylum seekers' hostel, which was rapidly put out by the inhabitants. There was no trace of the attacker.

In the town of Bad Langensalza, police detained eight people between 14 and 29 who chanted fascist slogans near the railway station and waved imperial war flags, now banned but popular among neo-Nazis as a substitute for the outlawed Nazi swastika.

Those detained said they were marking Hitler's birthday.

In the eastern town of Gera, a monument to wartime anti-fascist resistance was defaced with swastikas.

Wednesday had been the intended date of a soccer friendly in Berlin between Germany and England, but England pulled out for fear of giving a pretext for extremist violence.

The Holocaust Museum's first year: 'if you build it, they will come'

JUDITH WEINRAUB

WASHINGTON

A YEAR ago, on the eve of the bleak spring day that marked the opening of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, nervous senior staffers wondered if anyone would visit their imposing new building off the southwest corner of the Mall here. Its subject matter was too horrific, some said. Too depressing. Too Jewish.

"Our worry was that no one would come, or that we would appeal to the converted – that this museum would speak to a narrow cast," recalls Kathryn Hill, the museum's director of visitor services.

Only one voice, Stephen Goodell, the museum's director of special projects and a non-Jew, was consistently optimistic. "If you build it, they will come," he regularly told his colleagues, echoing the hopeful prophecy from the film *Field of Dreams*.

Goodell turned out to be right – far more so than anyone could have imagined. From all over the world, they have come: Alaskan Eskimos, Pennsylvania Amish, Children from inner-city schools and Indian reservations. Heads of state. Members of Congress, governors, mayors. The chief of the Hopi Nation. The cast of *Grease*. The Phoenix Suns. Since the museum opened last April 26, nearly 2 million people have climbed the staircase of the Hall of Witness, walked the relocated cobblestones of the Warsaw Ghetto, imagined themselves crowded on the spindly barracks bed from Auschwitz.

The museum has touched a hidden nerve.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I guess the success would be so enormous or broad-based," says Miles Lerman, chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Council, which raised the money to build the museum. "We felt it would take a while to educate America as to why the tragedy of the Holocaust should be of concern to them. As it turned out, the visiting public immediately grasped the message." Adds Goodell, "I never saw this as a Jewish institution. And that was one of the issues that frightened people.

I saw the Holocaust as one of the most important events in the 20th century – the ultimate evil."

The museum's statistics are extraordinary. In the past 12 months, it has recorded:

- Nearly 2 million visitors, the majority (62 percent) of them non-Jewish;
- 5,000 visitors each day to the museum's permanent exhibition;
- 100 to 150 requests a week for Holocaust education materials;
- 3,000 school groups, on average 18 a day; 90,000 children, two-thirds of them from public schools;
- 3,000 people a month using public access computers to search for family members in the National Registry of survivors;
- A $2.5 million gross in the bookstore due, in part, to the popularity of the museum's catalog, which has sold 80,000 copies.

One of the continual sources of concern – and argument – among museum officials and staff was the decision to focus its permanent exhibition on the European Holocaust. Would that turn the building into a "Jewish museum"? Would it make the place unwelcoming to non-Jewish visitors?

After all, says Ruth Mandel, vice chairman of the Holocaust Council, "The riches of the institution go way beyond a limited story of one group. The last thing we want to do is make [the museum] only a monument to a moment."

To avoid that, almost everyone agreed the museum's message had to be all-embracing. "A lot of universal lessons about human beings and how we choose to govern ourselves can be offered by telling that one story in great detail," says Sara Bloomfield, the director of public programs. "We wondered if people would see it as universal. Fortunately, they do."

In addition to the breadth of the audience, few would have expected the range of purposes to which the lessons of the museum would be put, particularly in its opening year. Unlikely groups are drawn to it: the Foreign Service Institute Senior Seminar, which is including visits to the museum in its curriculum; gay marchers on their way to the White House, who, symbolically, chose the museum as their starting point; embattled political leaders from minority regions of the former Soviet Union and the former Yugoslavia, who seek solace – or perhaps answers – from the museum.

The Washington Post

WORLD BRIEFS

Japan coalition reaches policy agreement

TOKYO (AP) – Japan's wobbly ruling coalition averted a breakup early Friday with an agreement that papers over policy disputes and finally opens the way for a vote on a successor for Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa.

Nearly two weeks after Hosokawa announced he would resign over financial improprieties, leaders of the seven-party coalition agreed on a policy platform after making several minor face-saving changes that satisfied the Socialists, the largest coalition member.

The coalition parties now are expected to back Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata for prime minister, which would assure his election by Parliament. But their sharp divisions are likely to continue to jolt the next administration.

Tanzania to host Rwandan peace talks

DAR ES SALAAM (Reuter) – Tanzania said yesterday that Rwanda's government and rebels agreed to talks tomorrow in a bid to end more than two weeks of civil war and mass killing.

The bloodshed, in which hundreds of thousands of people may have died, was triggered by the April 6 killing of the Rwandan and Burundian presidents as they were returning from peace talks in Tanzania.

'Guildford Four' Hill cleared of all IRA links

BELFAST (Reuter) – A Belfast court cleared Paul Hill yesterday of the 1974 murder of a former British soldier, formally absolving him of IRA guerrilla links for which he was wrongfully jailed for 13 years.

Hill, one of the "Guildford Four" whose jailing and release was portrayed in the award-winning film In the Name of the Father, appealed against his 1975 conviction for killing Brian Shaw, claiming his confession was forced by police.

"I am very relieved this period of my life is over," said Hill, flanked by his beaming wife, Courtney Kennedy, daughter of the slain former US Senator Robert Kennedy.

IRA kills policeman with mortar bomb

BELFAST (Reuter) – IRA guerrillas fired a mortar bomb from a Northern Ireland churchyard during the night to kill their third police victim of 1994, police said yesterday.

They said the home-made bomb was launched at an armored police jeep in Londonderry by remote control. The bomb slammed into the vehicle, killing a young constable and seriously wounding two of his colleagues.

The killing raised 1994's death toll from violence by the IRA and their Protestant extremist foes to 12.

German court defends ruling on extremist

KARLSRUHE, Germany (AP) – Rejecting Jewish criticism, Germany's highest appeals court Wednesday defended a ruling it made five weeks ago that could make it harder to prosecute neo-Nazis who deny the Holocaust ever happened.

The Federal Appeals Court in Karlsruhe said "denying that people were murdered in the gas chambers" cannot be considered a violation of human dignity under German law.

The court also pointed out that it didn't acquit Guenter Deckert, leader of the extreme-right National Democratic Party, but sent his case back for retrial.

Germans are world leaders in drinking

BERLIN (Reuter) – Germans have replaced the French as the world's leading consumers of alcohol, according to a study released on Wednesday.

The German Federal Health Office (BGA) said each German drinks on average the equivalent of 12.1 litres of pure alcohol each year, triple the amount consumed in 1950.

Trailing behind Germany and France were Portugal, Switzerland, Hungary, Spain, Austria, Denmark, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Italy.

French actor Jean Carmet dies

PARIS (AP) – The wine-loving movie actor Jean Carmet, who played in some 200 films including the Oscar-winning Black and White in Color, died Wednesday of "natural causes," police reported yesterday. He was 73.

Other films included the classic spy spoof The Tall Blond Man With One Black Shoe in 1972, the burlesque Papy Fait de la Resistance (Grandpa Was in The Resistance) in 1983, and Le Chateau de Ma Mere (My Mother's Castle), based on Marcel Pagnol's memoirs of childhood, in 1990.

Gun salutes for Queen Elizabeth's birthday

LONDON (AP) – A 41-gun salute, a 62-gun salute and "God Save the Queen," played on the radio yesterday marked the 68th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.

It's not the queen's official birthday and the monarch was having a quiet, personal day at her Sandringham estate in Norfolk, said a Buckingham Palace spokeswoman.

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Daughter of the late **Chief Rabbi, Dr. J.H. Hertz**

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LASAR DUNNER, passed away on March 30, 1994 at 82. Born in Nuremberg, award winning film producer/director, was Palestine's foremost newsphotographer, covering the era's most notable events, and later, introduced to Israel short color documentary films on topics relating to the new State and its people. After leaving the study of medicine in Germany in 1934, he turned his interest in people and his keen artistic eye to photography and filmmaking. His more than 50 films, many of which were produced for the UJA, UIA, Keren Hayesod and, in later years, for American television, included, "A Day in Daganiah" (1948), the first color production on the subject of Jewish Palestine, "The Scrolls of Leeuwarden" (1958), "A Vision of Chaim Weizmann," "As Long as I Live" (1960), and "Years of Destiny" (1962). He was a noted athlete in Berlin, and a member of the Bar Kochba Sports Club, a sprinter and high jumper. He is survived by his beloved wife, Eva, his children Naomi Menikoff, Yaela Granot, and Ilana Dunner Rosenbloom, and his grandchildren Noah, Karen, Julie, and Emily. Correspondence c/o Naomi Menikoff, 18 White Road, Wayland, Mass. 01788, U.S.A.

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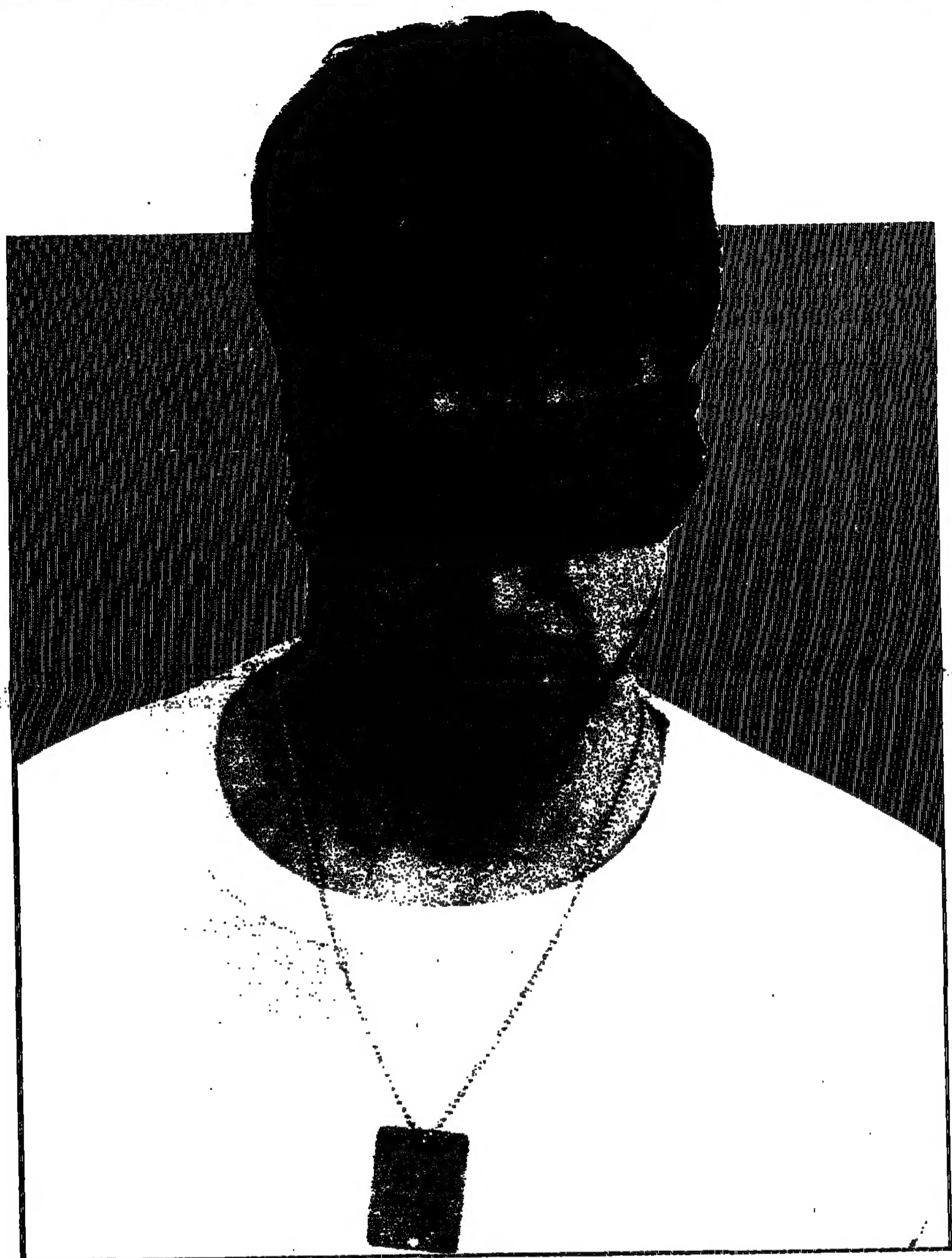

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The army and politics

NEGOTIATIONS with the PLO on the country's future must involve military men. It is inconceivable that borders, security arrangements, civil and military jurisdictions, types of weapons to be used in the self-rule areas, and a myriad other problems be discussed without the participation of army officers, police commanders, and General Security Service personnel. Their advice is not only necessary, it is indispensable.

But advice is all they must give. It is anomalous in a democracy for the army to be involved in the decision-making process. The army men at the head of the Israeli delegation in Cairo are not, it must be remembered, retired officers. They are all active-duty generals, the leaders of today's army. Heading the delegation is Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, the second highest ranking general on active duty and most likely the next chief of the General Staff.

It is not only that these officers make political decisions, which is neither what they have been trained for nor what generals in a democracy should be doing. More disturbing is that they identify with a process opposed by at least half the population. The army must not be put in such a position. It is the people's army. Everybody's army. It belongs to Gush Emunim just as much as to Peace Now.

Inevitably, this identification with "the process" has infected the General Staff. When the chief of General Staff himself assures the public that Syria's dictator Hafez Assad can be trusted, or when he extols the government's policies; or the chief of Military Intelligence tells the public what positions he believes Israel should take to hasten the process, the line between the army and politics has been crossed.

The army's duty is to act as an instrument of policies determined by the government. All soldiers, regardless of political conviction, must execute these policies unquestioningly, as long as they conform with the law. But the army has no right to shape policies, nor should its officers openly support or oppose them. That is the business of elected officials.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is as respectful of democratic procedures as any national leader has ever been. His preference for generals as negotiators probably stems from his being a retired general who trusts soldiers more than politicians or civil servants.

In fact, hard liners, who worry about the penchant of Foreign Ministry officials for making concessions, welcome the presence of generals at the head of the negotiating team. But no gains at the negotiations table can compensate for the lasting harm to the country's democratic norms and the army's standing.

The development of a disinterested army has been one of Israel's proudest achievements. It will be a shame if the army's credibility as an apolitical national instrument proves the first victim of the peace process.

Dangerous dithering

THE diplo-speak phrase "safe haven" has been mocked as a tautology, since a haven by definition should be a refuge and safe. But the Bosnian war may indeed be adding a new concept to the language – the unsafe haven. For the 65,000 people holed up in Gorazde at the mercy of relentless Bosnian Serb shelling, the concept is long past a joke, as is the international dithering over the air strikes policy. In the besieged city "NATO strike" has also developed a new meaning, suggesting that the organization has downed tools and ceased work.

NATO is now pinned down under its own siege of conflicting statements from Washington, Moscow, and European capitals. The first air offensive that shot down Serbian planes did indeed bring relief to Sarajevo, if only by switching unwanted Serbian attentions to Gorazde. Few have much hope that Sarajevo will remain "safe" for long; few doubt that after Gorazde there will be more Gorazdes.

International policy in Bosnia is a classic case of the damage caused by muddled objectives and threats without a backup. For an example of achieving objectives and running circles around the massed forces of world diplomats, full marks must go to the Serbs. Having been squeezed out of shelling Sarajevo, they popped up around Gorazde while the diplomats were still congratulating one another. The Serbs reacted to the first NATO air strike on their Gorazde positions by following the Lebanese example of taking hostages – effectively paralyzing the already beleaguered and inadequate United Nations forces on the ground. Some 400 people have been killed and 1,300 wounded in Gorazde in the last three weeks.

Only two weeks ago, the political leaders of the combatants in Bosnia and international mediators thought they were close to a Bosnia-wide cease-fire, but Bosnian Serb Gen. Ratko Mladic refused to halt the advance on Gorazde. Now President Bill Clinton sees no other solution but to task NATO with protecting all the UN-designated Moslem safe areas – Sarajevo, Gorazde, Srebrenica, Tuzla, Zepa, and Bihac. France, which has more than 4,000 troops in Bosnia, is the only firm supporter of more air action. Britain, Canada, and Germany have serious doubts.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev at first reluctantly admitted Russia's Serb friends were behaving outrageously and approved Clinton's plan to get tough – only to spark a domestic squabble in Moscow. Defense Minister Pavel Grachev curtly disagreed with his boss and blamed both sides for the siege of Gorazde. Amid the divisions, parliament has delayed sending a delegation to Bosnia to talk to the Serbs one more time.

Yeltsin now wants a summit of the US, the European Union and Russia on Bosnia, and Clinton has shown interest. In Brussels, NATO hesitantly agreed in principle to authorize protective air raids in defense of UN havens, but the US and the 15 other members put off final approval while experts went off to "study options for using air power." No one knows how long that will take. Unless someone else besides Gen. Mladic starts making some firm decisions soon, the NATO "study" and the international conference will take a lot longer than it takes the next 400 to die in Gorazde.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INFAMOUS INSINUATION

Sir, – Week after week, I have been reading Ariel Sharon on the editorial page blasting the Rabin government for one thing or another. Criticisms of the government's actions are one thing, but Sharon's statement of April 11 in "Afula, and fools' gold," crosses the line from constructive criticism of government policy to pure insult of Yitzhak Rabin.

Sharon insinuates that Rabin is selling out the country's security in an effort to retain his position in office. One cannot take such a statement seriously when one takes a look at Rabin's character. Sharon speaks of a man who has devoted his entire adult life to the safety and security of Israel. He fought in the pre-state Palmah and spent his entire career after that in the service of the state. Yitzhak Rabin would have been able to keep the status quo of the Likud government by not entering into serious negotiations with the Palestinians and he would have gone down in history as the great military leader who was the architect of the 1967 victory. Instead, at a very late stage in his life, he chose to put his entire reputation and his entire standing with the Israeli public on the line so that a real peace could at least be attempted with the Palestinians, putting the 27-year conflict to rest.

Good or bad, the Oslo Accord was a brave step by a warrior who knows the field well. What he does, he does neither for his own sake nor for the sake of his party. He does it for the sake of State of Israel and its future. He has not made many friends in this country with this deal and has been branded a traitor by a large portion of his constituency. These are not the results of an action that was taken for self-interest. Right or wrong, Rabin should be praised for taking steps forward rather than retreating into old rhetoric which as everyone knows, proves fruitless time and again.

Sharon was a warrior once and knows that Rabin would not betray Israel's security for the sake of another four years in office. He should feel shame that he would insinuate such a thing.

HARRY W. HOROWITZ
Jerusalem.

THE HEBRON CURFEW

Sir, – The recent violence by both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has shaken the entire country. The regularity of death by murder does not lessen the shock, fear or pain of the victims.

Security issues being the paramount concern of the land, I nonetheless think it patently unjust that – as was the case with the month-long Palestinian curfew in Hebron – one side is targeted for curfews and school closures. Stories of Hebron Palestinians watching from their windows as Jews walked to and from work and school were told in my neighborhood with depressing frequency through March.

To place approximately 100,000 people under house arrest is to deny them the right to communal prayer, deny laborers the singular opportunity to seasonal work, and to deny children the right to education. This last oppression, one not limited to Hebron, is to me the most horrifying and for Israel the most hypocritical. With the centrality of study in Judaism – like that found in no other religion – keeping Palestinian children out of the classroom is inexcusable and a Jewish sin.

Jerusalem. *TRENT SMITHER*

UNDUE PRESSURE

Sir, – Bill Hutman reports on April 6 that Police Minister Moshe Shahal informed the High Court of Justice, prior to its ruling on Police Inspector General Rafi Peled's discount affair, that a decision to suspend Peled would damage the nation's security apparatus.

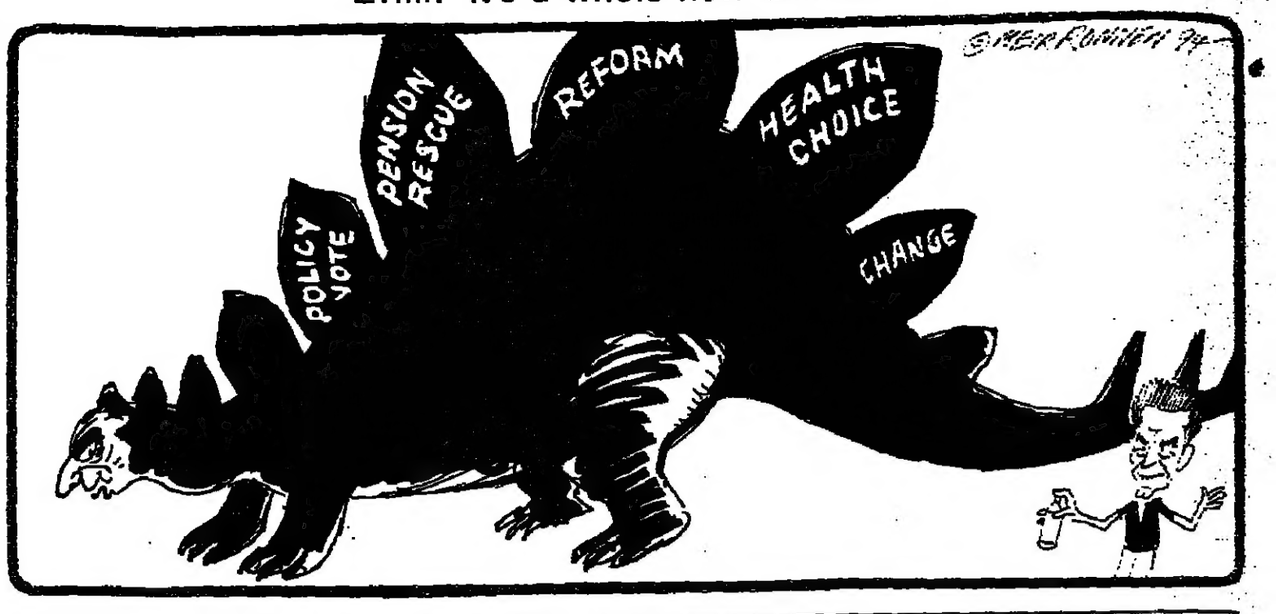
I assume that the attorney-general will now start an investigation to determine whether the police minister was guilty of trying to influence the High Court in reaching a decision, or whether he was guilty of obstructing justice.

MARVIN SILVERMAN
Jerusalem.

PEN FRIENDS

DOLORES MUGHERLI (18), of v. Udine 15, 33043 Cividale (UD), Italy, studies law in Rome and is a delegate to the European Youth Parliament. She would like to correspond with an Israeli law student interested in political issues.

Zvilli: 'It's a whole new animal!'



Henry Kissinger was so right

YOSEF GOELL

IN the mid-1970s, when even his monumental patience was wearing thin from the wear and tear of shuttle diplomacy between Israel, Syria and Egypt, US secretary of state Henry Kissinger delivered himself of the snide remark that Israel had no foreign policy, only domestic politics.

That, of course, was a perfect description of America's own condition. Dr. Kissinger – an academic theorist turned practitioner – may have thought he was conducting American foreign policy. But the final decisions were always in the hands of his presidential overlord, Richard Nixon – and he was moved to act or desist from acting by domestic political considerations.

Which is also a fairly good description of the Clinton administration's policy toward Bosnia and Somalia today.

One of the things the US and Israel have in common is that both are democracies which permit popular political forces to influence foreign policy. (France and Britain, by contrast, insulate foreign policy as much as possible from popular input.)

This undoubtedly makes life for presidents, prime ministers, foreign ministers, professional diplomats, and would-be Kissingers in the US and Israel much harder. But it also says much for the superior quality of American and Israeli democracy.

There is even a difference in this regard between the US and Israel. The overwhelming majority of Americans are so totally ignorant of the world as to make the superior wisdom of its foreign policy inputs suspect. In Israel, on the other hand, the overwhelming majority of the public has as good a grasp of the basics of foreign and defense policy issues confronting the country as its elected political leaders and military and diplomatic professionals.

In Israel today, the depth of public confidence in the basic underlying assumptions of the Oslo Agreement has worn so thin that it is barely sufficient to get the Rabin government through the signing and implementation of the first-stage withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho, no more.

The promises that even that withdrawal would result in an immediate drop in terrorism and in an easing of the burden of policing the intifada-ridden territories are still very fresh in people's minds.

This makes our leaders' recent statements that a step-up in terror following the implementation of that first stage is only to be expected, and that the recent aggravation in terror attacks must be understood as a natural outcome of the peace process, cause for grave concern as to the wisdom and possibly even honesty of these leaders.

WHAT COMPLICATES matters all the more is that from the outset, the entire Oslo policy has been conducted by a government that enjoys a razor-thin majority in the Knesset.

Prime ministers who rule on the basis of such narrow majorities must be consummate political jugglers. To date, Yitzhak Rabin hasn't performed too badly in juggling his unlikely Meretz and Shas partners. That juggling will become all the more difficult, if not impossible, as a result of Meretz and Shas's alliance with Labor Party renegade Haim Ramon in the forthcoming Histadrut elections.

Earlier this week, Rabin vented his spleen at Meretz's Shulamit Aloni for entering into an illicit political relationship in the Histadrut with Shas's Aryeh Deri. It was interesting to note, however, that even in his moment of fury, Rabin maintained sufficient self-control to make sure that all his venomous barbs were directed at Aloni and Meretz, not at Deri and Shas.

For Israelis, foreign policy is a vital domestic concern

This is a reflection of the fact that Meretz continues to be a certain coalition partner in the Rabin government, while Deri and Shas still have to be cajoled into rejoining.

The juggling will become even more difficult when the full political implications of the expulsion of three Labor MKs from the Knesset faction sinks in. This week, there were leaks of Rabin's renewed efforts to get Rafael Eitan's Tsomet into the coalition after the withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho, as a weapon for keeping Meretz in line. But that is, in all likelihood, empty talk.

In his day, when founding father David Ben-Gurion wearied of the juggling between his squabbling coalition partners, he would resign, set off a government crisis and re-form his coalition, usually with the same partners, with or without the benefit of unscheduled elections. It was a game in which little, if anything, changed.

Until a year ago, Rabin's implied threat that he would resign and set off early elections under the new rules calling for direct popular election of the prime minister gave him even greater power over his party and coalition than Ben-Gurion had. But no longer.

Recent polls show that the 70 per cent-plus majority which, last September, expressed support for Rabin and his policy, including the calculated risks he admitted were entailed, has now dwindled to a bare majority or possibly less.

If Labor loses its majority control of the Histadrut in the May 10 elections, Rabin's position in Labor may even be sufficiently weakened to reopen the contest with Shimon Peres for the party leadership.

Which is hardly a position from which Rabin or Labor would threaten to go to early elections. True, Labor can take some comfort from the Likud's internal troubles and from the problems party leader Binyamin Netanyahu still confronts in establishing his dominance over the party.

But one of the lessons we have learned from our own political history and that of other, similar, democracies is that when an electorate is scared or fed up, it often votes against the party in power rather than for the unknown or not especially attractive qualities of the opposition. The main motivation is to "throw the bums out."

Rabin undoubtedly took a courageous step last summer, when he was talked into adopting the underlying premises of the Oslo Agreement and overseeing the details of its implementation. What the public now needs is a respite to judge whether, in addition to being courageous, Rabin was also wise. Rabin himself needs a respite too, for reflection.

Kissinger didn't know how right he was. In a democracy such as Israel, foreign policy – which so palpably impinges on the lives of the people – must reflect their will as expressed in domestic politics.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on public affairs.

Free-wheeling political entrepreneur

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

THE closed guild and the open market: these opposing models of political leadership clash in the coming Histadrut elections. They are personified by the two leading contestants, Haim Haberfeld and Haim Ramon.

Far beyond the confrontation of contrasting personalities, beyond even the policy issues dealing with the future of the Histadrut, the questions raised by the two antithetical models go to basic structural issues of political life in this country.

In Histadrut politics, the labor movement has always operated on the guild model. Haberfeld is the organization candidate, wired into the political grid. He knows how to manipulate the levers of organizational power. The image he projects is as faceless as the Histadrut fortress on Rehov Arlosoroff in Tel Aviv.

Operating on the open-market model of political leadership, Haim Ramon is the political entrepreneur par excellence. He is the Ross Perot of the left.

The function of the political entrepreneur is to catalyze floating blocs of voters into a winning coalition. This is a new phenomenon in Israel, because floating blocs of voters are a new phenomenon. For these to exist, there must be an open political market.

The open market, which is where the political entrepreneur operates, is a product of the decline of loyalty to party labels, on the one hand, and the growing potency of personality, on the other.

Ramon has pointed to the political impact of the media – the proliferation of TV channels and the increased exposure of candidates to public examination – as a major factor distinguishing his present bid for the top job in the Histadrut from the case of David Ben-Gurion's Rafi breakaway party in 1965 or the Democratic Movement for Change a decade later.

What do these changes mean for the national political arena? True, the direct election of the prime minister, which will have its first test in the next general elections, currently two years away, was instituted in part because of a recognition of the growing importance of the personal factor.

However, while the rules were changing, so was the operative political model. That is why what happens in the coming Histadrut elections is relevant to the structure of politics on the national scene.

This structure evolved in accordance with the verities of traditional political life in Israel. It does not provide for the case of the political entrepreneur. In the emerging model of the open political market, the direct election of the prime minister is liable to produce results very different from those intended.

SUPPOSE SOMEONE were to pull off a Ross Perot in Israel.

Ramon's campaign style could bring about the extremism that comes from relying on the minor party fringes

Even if he were to come in third in the first round of balloting for prime minister, under our system, he would still come away with a hefty chunk of political power. His support might be crucial in determining the winner in the runoff election, and that support would certainly have a price.

Avoiding the post-election political shakedowns of coalition bargaining was a major aim in the adoption of direct election of prime minister. This objective may prove unattainable. There will, as anticipated, be deals before the balloting, but that is as it should be. Assuming they are out in the open, the voter makes the decision about what deal to accept.

However, if there is no first-ballot majority, there will be new deals prior to the second ballot. At this point, the voter will have less leverage. It may not be very different from the Histadrut elections, on the old party-list system.

Ramon has made his pre-election deal with Meretz and with Shas. After the balloting will come the decisive decision – whether to go with Labor or with the Likud.

Direct election of the prime minister was predicated on the assumption that the candidates would be the leaders of their respective parties. The Ramon phenomenon demonstrates that this may not be true. Party leadership is not a prerequisite.

Suppose, for example, one of the disgruntled Likud faction leaders (there is more than one possibility that comes to mind) makes a deal with the NRP, Tsomet, and Moledet. His showing in the national sweepstakes would depend on his personal charisma, not on the strength of his organizational base.

That is the essence of the emergence of the political entrepreneur in Israel's changing political environment. It might facilitate needed change, as in the case of a Ramon win in the Histadrut elections.

However, it also contains the seeds of instability and of the extremism that comes from reliance on the minor party fringes, rather than on the more moderate consensus of the two major parties.

There is danger in reinforcing divisive forces, by elevating electoral considerations above the task of the effective organization of political authority.

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POSTSCRIPTS

A MAN chopped off his own finger on the Connecticut Capitol steps to dramatize his support for stronger gun control.

Joel Gonzales of Bridgeport put his "trigger finger" into a paper cutter, hit the blade with a hammer and then handed the severed digit and a written statement to a friend. (Good thing he wasn't campaigning for rape legislation.)

The friend gave the finger to police during a public hearing on gun control. The accompanying statement read: "I, Joel Gonzalez, am not able to be here today. However, I am leaving this short statement with my friend along with a small part of me in order to express my strong position for real punishment against criminals who use guns."

Gonzalez, 29, was recently elected to Bridgeport's Democratic Town Committee. His statement said he had been the victim of a violent shooting.

Man and finger were taken to hospital, but Gonzalez refused to have it reattached.

Then, some days later, lest anybody think he acted out of pure moral motive, he announced that his sordid story was for sale to the highest bidder. He offered a video "exclusive" of his self-mutilation, which his friend had recorded, and sure enough, at least 50 enquiries poured in from TV stations, news organizations and "tabloid" TV shows.

But sadly for the nine-fingered entrepreneur, the Capitol police force gave Gonzalez the proverbial finger by making copies of the video, which is now available to anyone for a nominal fee.

Traitors and the top brass

TEDDY PREUSS

LAST Friday, some 30 retired generals gathered at the corner of Namir and Arlosoroff streets in Tel Aviv to demonstrate their support for the peace initiative. The gang could have staffed two full general staffs and a small one besides, and included war heroes from 1948 through the Lebanon War.

Their presence bothered a group of patriots, who assembled across the road, shouting "Traitors! Israel-haters! PLO agents!" and similar manifestations of national unity.

The generals concerned weren't Peace Now. Nor were they Women in Black, adherents of Yesh Gvul, or other bleeding hearts. They were outstanding commanders.

If they are traitors, then such treachery hasn't been known since 1937, when Josef Stalin exposed the treason of the generals headed by Marshal Mikhail Tukhachevsky, founder of the Soviet General Staff and hero of the Revolutionary War and the war with Poland. Only later did Stalin and the NKVD, the predecessor of the KGB, "discover" that Tukhachevsky and other generals were in fact agents of Germany and trafficked with Hitler's Wehrmacht.

They were judged according to Stalinist justice and, as the regulations stipulated, executed by a firing squad. Thus shall be done to enemies of the Homeland!

History has known many betrayals by military personnel, starting with the Greek private who showed the Persians the secret passage to Thermopylae, through the Austrian intelligence chief who sold secrets to the Russians in 1914, the German generals who tried to assassinate Hitler, "our own" Udi Adiv who passed intelligence information to the Syrians, and the US Navy men who sold codes and plans to the Russians (and some to Israel!).

But, except for the Germans in July 1944, these were retailers compared to the wholesale act of Tukhachevsky and his associates. They were indeed unique – until the "treason" of our own generals last week.

Actually, it came as no surprise. What was astonishing was that these "traitors" hadn't been exposed before then, together with the defense minister (now our president) who lured prime minister Menachem Begin into handing over territory to Egypt and, years later, was caught phoning an important PLO man in Tunis. Yitzhak Shamir demanded that the "traitor" Ezer Weizman be ousted from the cabinet.

Look at the men who have run the IDF, and you'll find scarcely a patriot. It's enough to make one shudder

FORTY-THREE years earlier, another Weizmann was accused of treachery and described by Begin as a Pétain.

Since Ezer Weizman wasn't put on trial (though the Likud demanded it), it's little wonder that Gen. Yos'ke Geva, a former OC command and a General Staff branch chief, was among the 30 or so demonstrators last week, following in the path of his son, Lt.-Col. Eli Geva, who in 1982 refused to order his men to storm Beirut. (Prime minister Begin remarked at the time that "Something is wrong with the education in the Geva home.")

Three Air Force commanders were also present in the group of demonstrators last Friday.

One of them, Gen. (res.) Motti Hod, had directed the crippling attack on the Arab airfields on June 5, 1967. If he hadn't been such a "traitor," he would have destroyed 500 enemy planes on the first day of the Six Day War, not just 400...

And what about Gen. (res.) Shlomo "Chich" Lahat, conqueror of the stronghold at Huleikat on October 19, 1948? Or Gen. (res.) Matti Peled who, the night before that, smashed the blockade of the main highway to the Negev?

Peled was one of the first to negotiate with the PLO, so it came as no surprise that he was numbered among the traitors last week. But "Chich" masqueraded as a Likudnik!

And what about the three former Mossad chiefs, including Gen. Zvi Zamir? Perhaps it was out of treachery that Zamir delayed warnings of Egyptian and Syrian intentions to attack Israel on October 6, 1973. The same goes for Gen. (res.) Shlomo Gazit, who was one of the IDF's intelligence chiefs after the Yom Kippur War, and didn't warn the government about Kissinger's intrigues against us, thus preventing the destruction of the Egyptian Third Army.

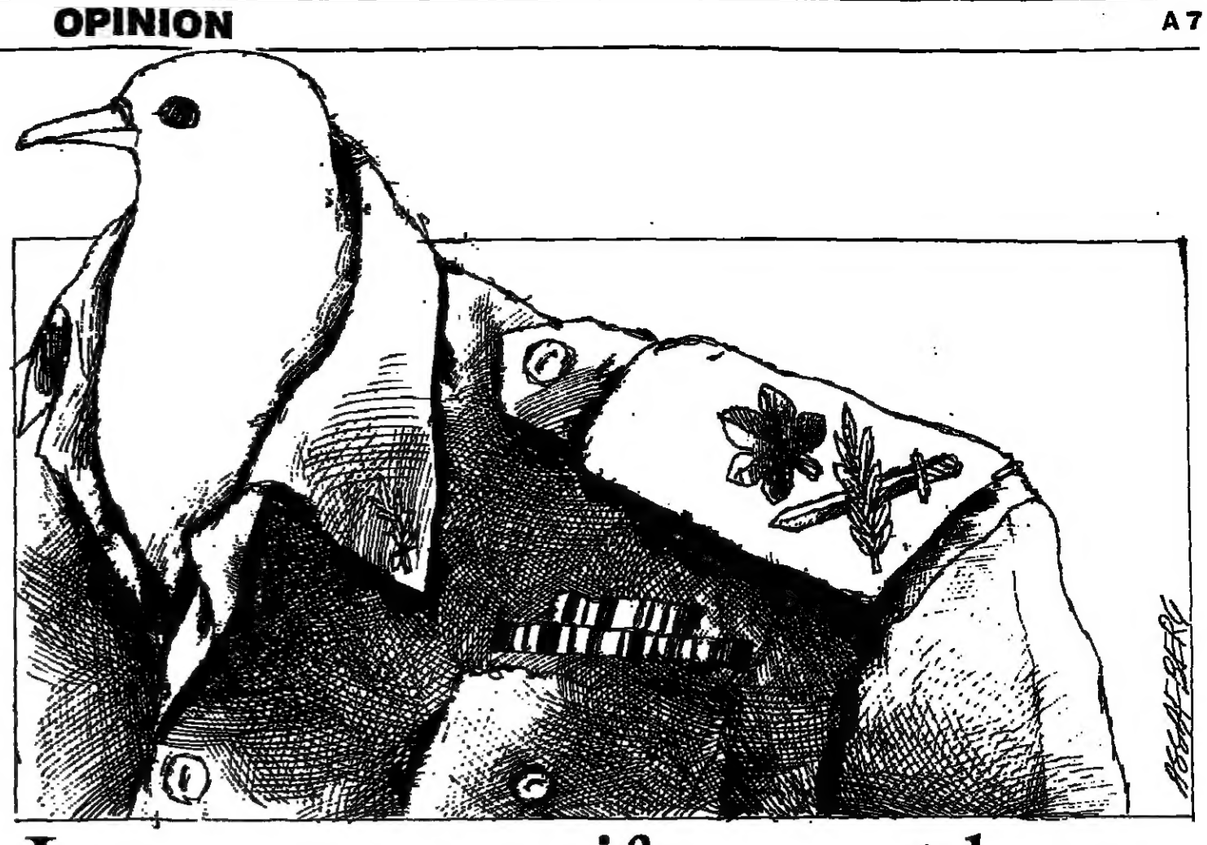
Was it our fortunate fate that, on the third day of the Yom Kippur War, Gen. (res.) Rafael Eitan was rushed to the Golan front to prevent that "traitor," Gen. Yanosh Ben-Gal, from handing over the Golan Heights to the Syrians?

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is a veteran "traitor," so accused even in 1968, when he discovered that the Americans didn't view the future of the territories the same way we did. It was a wonder we weren't defeated in the Six Day War, with that Arafatist "traitor" in charge of our army.

Not to mention that Rafael Eitan was only a brigade commander (colonel) and Ariel Sharon a divisional commander – and yet both covered for the OC Southern Command, Shaike Gavish, who (horror of horrors!) joined the "traitors" last week.

It sends cold shivers down one's spine to think how many traitors have commanded the IDF, and how few patriots. The result, their exploitation of Israel, is no less serious than the suspicions about the USSR in 1937. Then – as now – a full general staff was guilty of almost total treachery.

The writer, a senior journalist at Davar, *comments on current affairs.*



Leave your uniforms at home

ARIEL SHARON

I scanned the faces of my colleagues, retired IDF generals, at their demonstration last week "in support of the peace process." The demonstrators included renowned fighters, veterans of many battles, and many others.

I looked at them and felt bad for them and for the IDF. We had come a long way together: I knew what many of them thought before joining the establishment.

Not a few of them thought the pre-1967 borders indefensible at a time when our enemy had a total of 2,750 tanks, and no ground-to-ground missiles at all.

Today, with the Arab confrontation states deploying more than 13,000 tanks, some 1,200 ground-to-ground missiles and huge quantities of all kinds of modern weapons, do they really think the "Green Line" borders have become any safer?

With intelligence reports warning about an increased danger of instability in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan and within the PLO, is this the time to give up the minimal strategic depth we have?

Some of our former commanders may have changed their stands.

I don't question anyone's right to change his views – but I still recall those "electronic sensory devices" they talked about in the 1988 elections. In Labor's view then, they were meant to provide an answer to every problem, from breakthroughs by enemy armored columns to murderous Palestinian terrorists wielding axes.

Where are those "sensors" today? Some of the security experts who recommended them at the time as essential were among last week's demonstrators. Perhaps those demonstrators are ready to retreat to the pre-1967 lines because "Arafat promised... Assad said... Fahd undertook... Prime Minister Qaboos smiled..." I know those generals. Many of them are serious thinkers. They harbor many anxieties.

The generals who demonstrated last week are causing the IDF untold harm by dragging it into political battles

TO THEM, I SAY: I have no argument with you. Our relationship transcends political differences. It is something deeper, something built on longstanding partnerships forged in difficult times.

But I was saddened to hear a counter-demonstrator across the road shouting, "I'm ashamed that you were our commanders!"

He, like me, didn't understand what right leading military figures – even honored former fighters who have helped build up the IDF – had to appear as an organized group of generals at a political rally.

I have no argument with you, but this I will say: You are causing unimaginable harm to the IDF by identifying the army's top command with a political party's stand, one rejected by at least half the Jewish population.

You are thrusting yourselves into an ideological political debate, and the public is telling you what it thinks about that.

This kind of public criticism is a blow to the IDF. It's a direct result of army personnel dragging the IDF into political battles.

What are you doing? Tomorrow you will be saying – with my support – that soldiers must carry out orders; and you will stand up – as will I – to oppose any instances of mutiny.

You are men with political views. Many of you belong to a political party, and that should be the backdrop for your public appearances.

Demonstrate, protest, make speeches, write, get yourselves interviewed, strive to influence others. But do it as civilians, in a normal democratic context.

Do it as politicians, if you wish. That's legal and honorable. But don't do it as "former IDF commanders."

If you want to help the prime minister – your comrade, my friend, since the early days of the IDF – do it as individuals. You say, "The right wing gets people out into the streets." Well, you rush out into the streets too – as individuals, as political people. Any movement would be proud to accept you.

Has Raful [Rafael Eitan] appeared in public as a former senior IDF general? Does Motta [Mordechai Gur] speak out in that capacity? Am I regarded as a representative of the IDF?

We all appear in public as politicians. But you held your demonstration as army officers. That's what's so serious.

We must draw a line between two worlds: one of opinions, views, credos – the other of a consensus around national defense.

We must achieve a mode of behavior which will enable us all, regardless of the issues under dispute, to weigh national security considerations separately from political party ones.

I appeal to, before countergroups of officers come forward. After all, there are many army people whose views differ from yours.

It's time to call a halt.

The writer, a Likud MK, is a former defense minister.

Jailed without judgment

EVELYN LOURIE

MY husband and I brought our children up in an Orthodox home where there was a very strong accent on the sanctity of the Land and People of Israel.

In our home, Independence Day is celebrated not only as a national holiday, but as a religious one. This strong belief is what brought us to make aliya in 1967 and our 23-year-old son Ayal Noked to settle in Hebron in 1992.

Shortly after the February 25 murders in Hebron, the OC Central Command ordered Ayal's immediate detention for a period of three months.

After the arrest was ordered his wife gave birth to their second child, a son. Ayal was unable to attend the *brit mila* for fear of apprehension. It was heartbreaking for the whole family.

Ayal was quickly taken into custody. He was not brought before a judge. The charges against him are unknown.

According to the media, our son is considered to be one of the leaders of the Kach movement. The fact that this has been denied by us, by our son, by residents of the Jewish community in Hebron and even by the leaders of Kach, has made no impression on the authorities.

It is very ironic that Ayal, who three years ago was shot in a terror attack (as a result of which he will remain permanently disabled in his left arm), is now being held for allegedly being the aggressor, not the victim.

A very warped sense of justice led to our son's detention

He is allowed up to three visitors at the same time, once a week, for an hour. The first two weeks, my husband and I accompanied our daughter-in-law. However, realizing their need for time alone, we stopped accompanying her. We haven't seen our son in six weeks.

This week, he began a hunger strike after an appeal to the High Court for his release was denied.

I am a child of Holocaust survivors. What went through my mind when the police broke into my home at 3 on a Sunday morning, looking for my son?

Could anyone not make the association that I, unfortunately, made? Yet I kept saying to myself, "These are Israeli police. These are members of my police."

While I will not take a stand over the issues that led the government to take the actions it took, I strongly protest the way it has carried these actions out.

If my son has committed a crime or taken part in an unlawful action, let him be brought before a court and charged.

According to the regulations governing administrative detention, Ayal can be held for up to a year without any charges being brought against him. How long is a year in jail, for no apparent reason, for a young man with two small children? It's a year too long.

It appears that Israel is going through its own McCarthy period. Neither fact nor proof is relevant, only the hysterical witch-hunt for a scapegoat.

No citizen, Arab or Jew, should be denied his basic rights under law. No one should be held in custody without being afforded a chance to state his case in court.

A supposedly democratic government cannot adopt such practices in the name of justice.

The writer, a mother of four, lives in Beit Horon.

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IBM shows $392m. profit

ARMONK, New York (Reuter) – International Business Machines Corp. yesterday reported a surprisingly robust $392 million profit for the first quarter, but warned that its turnaround from massive losses of recent years was not complete.

The world's largest computer company said its revenues, which rose 2 percent to $13.4 billion, grew in all major regions of the world and expenses declined significantly.

"However, the results from one quarter do not guarantee sustained, long-term success," IBM chairman and CEO Louis Gerstner said. "We've improved in many areas, but we still have a long way to go."

Wall Street was so stunned by IBM's performance, there was an imbalance of buy orders for its stock and the opening of trading was delayed. It was expected to leap about $3.

The results marked a dramatic turnaround from the first quarter of 1993, when the company lost $399m., or 70 cents a share, on revenues of $13.1b.

IBM's first-quarter 1994 results included an after-tax gain of $248m. from the sale of its Federal Systems Company and an after-tax writedown of $192m. relating to a change in software amortization periods.

Without any special items, its earnings from operations would have been a more modest $336m., or 54 cents a share.

But that was still far better than industry analysts' estimates, which ranged from a loss of 7 cents a share to a profit of 19 cents a share.

IBM's first-quarter revenues in the United States were $5.3b., up 6% over the 1993 period excluding the Federal Systems unit's 1993 results.

European revenues were $4.7b., up 3% from a year earlier, while revenues from Asia totaled $2.3b., up 13% from 1993's first quarter. Revenues from Latin America were $600m., up 14% from a year ago.

Alleged loan guarantees misuse probed

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE state comptroller is allegedly investigating the government's misallocation of US loan guarantee funds which may have cost the taxpayer millions of dollars, Israel Radio reported yesterday.

According to the radio, officials from the State Comptroller's Office searched the offices of Accountant-General Reuven Kokolevich for US loan guarantee documents yesterday.

The report stated that an argument between the Treasury and the Bank of Israel on how to use the funds resulted in having them deposited in the central bank as part of the country's foreign currency reserves.

As reserves, the $3 billion raised so far were deposited in foreign banks, which paid an interest rate that was about half of the 7 percent the government is paying on the loans, the report continued. The difference in interest amounted to a loss of tens of millions of dollars, the report said.

The Bank of Israel wanted to use the funds to swap the government's internal debt for a larger foreign debt and opposed the Treasury's plan to lend the funds to businesses. The central bank's fear was that by directing credit to certain companies, the government would get involved in running the capital market in contradiction to market reforms already in place.

The Treasury opposed using the funds to swap internal debt for foreign debt based on US conditions on the use of those funds.

State Comptroller's Office spokeswoman Shlomit Lavy said: "We don't give out information on ongoing investigations or even whether we are undertaking an investigation. And I want to emphasize whether."

Treasury spokesman Eli Yoseph denied that the State Comptroller's Office searched the Accountant-General's office. He added that last week, representative of the state comptroller met with their counterparts in the Accountant-General's office as part of ongoing contacts and that they did not take any documents.

Both he and Bank of Israel spokesman Yoav Lehman denied that there was a debate between the Treasury and the central bank about the use of the US loan guarantee funds.

Yoseph said that the funds are used all the time as the increase in investments and production input imports consume those foreign currency funds which the government is financing at the best available terms in the world.

The government has also made available those funds to the private sector. For example, the Israel Electric Company received a guarantee for loans of up to $800 million that are financed from the US loan guarantees.

Nesher Cement workers stage surprise strike

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

NESHER Cement's workers began an unexpected strike yesterday, demanding a new collective wage agreement for 1994 and 1995 despite the Histadrut's objections.

Early yesterday, Nesher's 700 employees at its Ramle, Haifa and Hartuv plants shut down the kilns and grinding mills, in protest against what they called foot-dragging by management in wage negotiations.

Yitzhak Davidi, managing director of Nesher, which is jointly owned by Koor and Clal, said management had not anticipated the strike. He said management and workers have held two meetings to discuss the collective agreement. The last meeting took place Wednesday.

"The last meeting did not end in an explosion in talks. The workers had no reason to strike," Davidi said.

Davidi said the Ramle plant workers did not respond to back-to-work orders issued by a labor court in the afternoon. Workers and management are expected to attend a court hearing this morning.

A similar meeting will take place in Haifa this morning. Davidi said Haifa District Labor court has ordered the Nesher plant employees not to carry out sanctions before May 3.

Leumi won't appeal bank shares verdict

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Leumi does not plan to appeal the verdict in the bank share trial, chairman Moshe Sanbar told the bank's annual general shareholders meeting yesterday.

At the start of the month, Jerusalem District Court fined the bank NIS 1 million.

"Considering all the circumstances, I don't think the bank has reason to appeal," Sanbar said.

The shareholders approved the government's candidates for the board of directors: Baruch Bahat, a partner in Sabaco Science Industries and manager of Thermokir; Meir Gabbai, a former Justice Ministry director-general and civil service commissioner; Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yitzhak Hofi, former Mossad chief and director-general of Electric Corp.; Prof. Arye Melnick, an economics lecturer at Haifa University and a former member of the Bank of Israel's advisory committee; Prof. Avraham Friedman, head of the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies and an expert on labor relations; Yitzhak Rahav, former managing director of the Ports Authority and manager of the Bank of Israel.

The major shareholders also approved the re-appointment of four directors: Sanbar, Prof. Tzvi Ophir, Amos Epstein, and Avner Perez.

The shareholders approved a special NIS 168,000 bonus for Sanbar. Bavly Milner & Co. were reappointed the bank's accountants, and Somekh Chaikin the bank's auditors.

A board of directors proposal to declare a NIS 114.8m. cash dividend for 1993 was also approved.

Africa Israel, Ashlon to build Dead Sea hotel

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AFRICA Israel Hotels and Tourism Co. and Ashlon yesterday signed a partnership agreement to establish a Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza hotel at the Dead Sea at a cost of $43 million.

Africa Israel Hotels and Tourism, a subsidiary of Africa Israel, and Ashlon, a subsidiary of Ashtrom Properties, will have an equal share in the hotel. Ashlon will build the hotel, while Africa Israel will manage it.

Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Dead Sea will be located on a 17-dunam plot in Ein Bokek. The 25,000 sq.m. hotel will contain 310 rooms and a 120 sq.m. private beach. The spas will be situated on 1,200 sq.m., and include salt water pools, sulphur pools, swimming pools, and a gym.

Construction is expected to start next month and take 30 months.

Africa Israel owns Holiday Inn Tiberias, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Tel Aviv, and Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Jerusalem.

Panel to vote on water price hike

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset finance committee will vote Monday on a government proposal to raise water prices.

The committee also decided yesterday that cellular phone companies will no longer be able to charge the recipients of calls for air time. Instead, all fees will have to be levied on the caller.

According to the Treasury's proposal, water prices for household consumers would rise to NIS 1.85 per cu.m. for the first eight cu.m., up from NIS 1.68 (rate A); to NIS 2.77 per cu.m., from NIS 2.52, for the next seven cu.m. (rate B); and to NIS 4.10, up from NIS 4, for each cubic meter after that (rate C).

According to representatives of the local authorities, the total increase for household consumers will be about 7.3%, or 10% if only rates A and B are considered.

According to the government, the price rise is needed to cover increased costs.

However, opposition MKs say the rise is an unjustified attempt by the local authorities to raise their income at the consumer's expense. Already, they charge, the ordinary consumer pays a much higher rate than industry and agriculture.

WORLD BRIEFS

Peugeot crashes into red: France's PSA Peugeot Citroen, Europe's third car maker, said yesterday that it crashed into the red last year as the slump in Western European car sales and European currency devaluations took their toll.

But chairman Jacques Calvet said 1994 would be a year of recovery for Peugeot and an improvement had already been seen in its results during the first few months of the year.

The car maker made a 1993 net loss, after payments to minority shareholders, of $242 million, compared with a profit of $579m. in 1992. *Reuter*

Japan sees signs of recovery: Japan's economy is showing signs of pulling out of its long slump, with consumer spending and housing construction leading the way, the Ministry of Finance reported yesterday.

"I think we can put the economy on a stable growth track if we implement economic measures fully," Vice Finance Minister Jiro Saito said during a meeting of the ministry's regional representatives. "We cannot be totally optimistic, but I'm under the impression that the economy will not decline further," Saito told reporters.

Consumer spending has a particularly upbeat tone, with supermarket sales in some areas rising from year-ago levels, ministry officials reported.

Sales of consumer electronics and light passenger cars are regaining strength, while a housing boom prompted by low interest rates is having a ripple effect on sales of consumer electronics and furniture, they said. *Reuter*

Lloyds to buy C&G Building Society: Lloyds Bank, Britain's fourth largest bank, yesterday said it was buying the country's sixth largest specialized mortgage lender, Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, for £1.8b.

"It's a fabulous deal," said analyst John Wriglesworth at UBS. "C&G will benefit from Lloyds' tremendous funding strength and Lloyds will get a first-rate customer franchise."

C&G is Britain's sixth largest building society, similar to a US savings and loan association, with 4.1 percent of home mortgage assets. *Reuter*

British retail sales up 0.8%: Retail sales in Britain grew by a stronger than expected 0.8% in March, but economists differed yesterday on whether big tax increases in April would snuff out further growth in consumer sales.

The Central Statistical Office said that sales were 3.8% higher than a year ago. Sales fell in February by 0.3% and the year-on-year growth rate was just 2.8%. *Reuter*

IIS first quarter profits down

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IIS Intelligent Informations System Ltd. yesterday reported a sharp drop in first quarter 1994 net profits compared with the same period last year.

The results, however, were an improvement from the fourth quarter of 1993, when unexpectedly poor results sparked a collapse in the company's share price.

Net profits for the first quarter were $1.053 million on revenues of $22.2m., compared with net profits of $3.01m.on revenues of $21.57m. during the same period in 1993.

Net profits for the fourth quarter of 1993 were $121,000.

Gross margins were significantly lower while selling, general and administrative costs rose sharply. Earnings per share were $0.08 compared with $0.24 in the corresponding period last year.

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South African Economic Statistics

			Prices 20.4.94	Prices 13.4.94	%Change
Exchange rates:	Commercial rand	:	3.558	3.602	1.23%
(buy)	Financial rand	:	4.900	4.335	8.15%
Interest rates:	Money market (BAs)	:	10.45%	10.30%	1.46%
(Ry)*	Escom 1994	:	10.40%	10.25%	1.46%
	Escom 2008	:	12.54%	12.82%	-2.18%
	Escom 2020	:	13.16%	13.05%	0.84%
	RSA 150	:	13.45%	12.95%	3.86%
	UAL Max Income	:	12.88%	13.71%	-6.05%
Prices: UTs:	OM Investors	:	R 36.4912	34.9980	4.27%
(buy)	Guardbank	:	33.4372	32.9752	1.40%
	UAL Gilt	:	12.3448	12.2358	0.89%
	Max Income		10.5637	10.5478	0.15%
Shares:	De Beers	:	111.25	105.00	5.95%
(close)	Vaal Reef	:	397.00	402.00	-1.24%
	Anglo American	:	221.00	204.00	8.33%
	Barlows	:	31.75	29.50	7.63%
	SA Brews	:	88.50	81.00	9.26%
	Sasol	:	23.00	22.00	4.55%
	Tiger Oats	:	48.00	43.50	10.34%
	Iscor	:	3.40	3.05	11.48%
	JSE Actuaries Overall	:	5,080	4,937	2.90%

*RY - running yield.

COMMENTS: "A general state of panic, uncertainty and the possibility of civil war in Natal has seen foreign investors including Morgan Stanley, bail out of the local South African financial markets. The gilt market was hardest hit and led to dramatic rises in the Government long bond rates. Both the benchmark R150 (RSA) and the Bellwether E168 (ESCOM) broke through the key resistance level of 13% to finish at 13.380% and 13.445% respectively." Business Day, April 15. Anton Cronje, the UAL Maximum Income Fund Manager was quoted as saying, "We moved over 2 months ago out of long dated gilts, when foreign buying euphoria had reached unrealistic levels and, over the last 2 months while ESCOM prices fell 5%, our fund lost nothing."

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (21.4.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	3.500	3.875	4.500
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.625	3.750	4.125
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.500	4.375	4.375
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.000	3.000	3.000
Yen (10 million yen)	0.625	0.750	1.125

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (21.4.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.1950	3.2400	—	—	3.2131
U.S. dollar	2.9533	2.9950	2.90	3.04	2.9720
German mark	1.7523	1.7770	1.72	1.80	1.7613
Pound sterling	4.4226	4.4850	4.33	4.54	4.4363
French franc	0.5100	0.5172	0.49	0.53	0.5131
Japanese yen (100)	2.9743	2.9148	2.82	2.96	2.8937
Dutch florin	1.5586	1.5806	1.53	1.60	1.5668
Swiss franc	2.0612	2.0903	2.02	2.12	2.0772
Swedish krone	0.3742	0.3795	0.37	0.39	0.3762
Norwegian krone	0.4030	0.4087	0.40	0.41	0.4058
Danish krone	0.4465	0.4528	0.44	0.46	0.4489
Finnish mark	0.5377	0.5453	0.53	0.55	0.5425
Canadian dollar	2.1385	2.1667	2.10	2.20	2.1546
Australian dollar	2.1057	2.1354	2.06	2.18	2.1222
S. African rand	0.8215	0.8331	0.71	0.82	0.8272
Belgian franc (10)	0.8508	0.8626	0.84	0.88	0.8555
Austrian schilling (10)	2.4903	2.5256	2.46	2.58	2.5036
Italian lira (1000)	1.8271	1.8528	1.79	1.89	1.8368
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.08	4.33	4.1608
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.85	0.90	0.8916
ECU	3.3863	3.4341	—	—	3.3963
Irish punt	4.2734	4.3338	4.17	4.43	4.2972
Spanish pesets (100)	2.1489	2.1793	2.09	2.23	2.1571

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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		Change
US dollar	NIS 2.9720	-0.27%
Sterling	NIS 4.4363	+0.49%
Mark	NIS 1.7613	+0.38%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3652.54	+53.83
DJ Transport	1583.54	+37.52
DJ Utils	201.16	+1.52
DJ Comp	1291.91	+21.46
NYSE Industr	302.98	+4.88
NYSE Transport	246.56	+6.37
NYSE Comp	248.18	+3.52
NASDAQ Industr	735.44	-10.27
NASDAQ Transp	720.1	-7.59
NASDAQ Utils	150.48	+0.04
NASDAQ Comp	705.52	-7.33
S&P 100	414.05	+7.1
S&P Spot Index	448.74	+6.78
AMEX Comp	431.13	+3.53

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	538	1564	665
Volume up (in 1000's)			277118
Volume down (in 1000's)			74876

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3101.2	+2.9
Tokyo Nikkei average	19799.3	-82.8
Singapore all-share index	559.24	-1.77
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	8934.59	-286.42

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	44	+0
Ampal A	9.125	+0.5
Aryt	3.75	0
Biotech	2.875	+0
Carmel Cont	8.5	-0
Electro Chem-Fruitarom	9.875	+0
Elscint	3	+0
Etz Lavud	8.625	+0.125
Etz Lavud A	7.625	+0.25
Laser Inds C	8.75	-0.25
PEC	27.875	-0.375
Tadiran	19.25	+0
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	6.5	-0.125
4D	7.5	+0.25
Ampal 8 S	25	0
BVR Tech	9	+0.125
Converse Tech	9.125	+0.125
Dsi Sys	8.5	-0
ECI Tel	20	+0.5
Edunetics	8.75	+0
Edu-Soft	11.25	-0.375
Electric Fuel	8.25	+0.065
EFTI	16	+0
Elbit	36.25	+0.5
Elron	16.25	+0
Eshed Robotec	1.75	+0
M. Systems	6.75	+0.125
ISG	5	+0
Geotek	11.125	+0.375
Health Tech	2.375	+0.1875
Idan	1.0625	+0
IIS	8.5	+0.21875
Interpharm	12	-2
Isramco	1.75	+0.125
Israk	1.1875	+0
Koor Bond	100.25	-0.25
Lannet	9	+0.25
Laserplics	7.25	-0.125
Magal	5	+0
Madge-A	6.125	-0.25
Magic	12.75	+0.375
Orbotech	9.375	+0.375
Oshap Tech	3.875	+0
Pade	5.875	+0
Robomatics	2.5	-0.125
Sapiens	11	+0.5
Scitex	19.9375	-0.4375
Silicom	4.75	+0
T.A.T. Technol	4.75	+0
Taro Vit	6.375	-0.125
Teledata	14.75	+0
Telegraph	5.375	+0
Teva	24.75	+0.25
TVG	2.5	+0.0625

(All listings are closing quotes)

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd. (Date 21-APR-94)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.4906	-0.002
	Jun.future (CME)	1.4882	-0.001
D-mark:	spot	1.6808	+0.0027
	Jun.future (CME)	0.5901	+0.0003
S-franc:	spot	1.4325	-0.0015
	Jun.future (CME)	0.697	+0
Yen:	spot	103.85	+0.56
	Jun.future (CME)	0.009681	-4e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.3787	-0.0015
	Jun.future (CME)	0.7221	+0.0006
AusDlr:	spot	0.7165	+0.005
	Jun.future (CME)	0.7146	+0.004
F-franc:	spot	5.7675	-0.0035
It Lira:	spot	1617	-1
Nlg:	spot	1.8802	+0.0022
AstShlg:	spot	11.875	-0.045
Rand:	spot	3.597	-0.008
ECU:	spot	1.1436	+0.0005
Bonds	future	105.25	+1 1
S and P	future	449.4	+6.7

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	4.25	0
Dollar	6 months	4.625	0
Dollar	12 months	5.3125	0
Sterling	3 months	5.3125	0
Sterling	6 months	5.5	0
Sterling	12 months	5.875	+0.0625
S-franc	3 months	4	-0.0625
S-franc	6 months	4.0625	0
S-franc	12 months	4.0625	+0.0625
D-mark	3 months	5.4375	-0.0625
D-mark	6 months	5.375	-0.0625
D-mark	12 months	5.375	0
Yen	3 months	2.3125	0
Yen	6 months	2.4375	-0.0625
Yen	12 months	2.75	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (CEC)	1099	+12
Coffee (May) (CEC)	83.1	+0.55
Wheat (May) (CBOT)	315.5	-2.25
Soybeans (May) (CBOT)	665.5	-0.5
Orange juice (May (CEC)	107.1	+2
Crude oil light (Jun)(CEC)	16.45	+0.25

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (LCE)	853	-5
Coffee (May) (LCE)	1586	-8
Wheat (May) (LCE)	115	-0.35
Brent crude oil (Jun)(IPE)	1533	+31

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold	spot	373.55	-1.8
Silver	spot	5.23	-0.03

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Apr.)	373.1	+0.9
Silver (May)	5.232	-0.023
Platinum (Jul.)	390.5	+0.9
Palladium (Jun.)	134.75	-0.3
High-grade copper (May.)	0.887	-0.0185

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	373.75	+1.35
Gold PM fix	373.3	-1.35
Silver fix	526.5	+2.1
Platinum PM fix	386.25	-3.75

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Name	Price	%chg
Commercial Banks		
FrstmW1	2215	-7.5
FrstmW2	6834	-5.0
Genrnl	12728	
IndDevDD		
IndDevG	15874	4.0
IndDevGG	886230	
IndDvGG1	845212	
IndDvPrD		
LeumiW1		
MercC	250	-1.2
OHH	233327	2.5
Trade	980	-1.0
TradeC	240	1.7
Mortgage Banks & Finance		
Adanim	401544	-1.0
Carmel	882	2.0
CarmC3	395	2.1
DevIMB	24080	-0.7
FirstMB	47138	-3.0
IndusMB	36388	1.0
J lemC	138.00	
J lemW	392	
JlemBnr	472	
LeumiMBR	116146	5.0
Mishkan	38883	
MishkanC	180.00	-0.3
Mizav	18407	-8.2
Tefahot8	181880	-2.0
Tefahot9	185217	-3.8
Financial Institutions		
Shiton	9722	
Insurance		
Ariel	2471	4.0
Ayalon	1046	10.0
AyalonC	538	10.0
Elan	333	-0.6
EsanC1	391	1.8
Hadar1	1548	0.3
Hadar5	1466	
HamishmrC	238	
Hamshmr1	2302	6.0
Hamshmr5	2181	3.3
Menorah1	1468	
Menorah5	1468	-4.0
Phoenix1	4683	
Phoenix5	4888	-0.5
Sahar	786	-1.0
Zion5	14097	7.3
Trade & Services		
Amule	1511	2.0
AmuleC1	305	1.7
Baran	3304	0.5
BaraW2	334	-0.3
BndWrhC1	133.00	
BndWrhC2	133.00	2.2
BondWrht1 L	6831	-1.5
Clog0.1	136487	0.5
ClalCmpC	417	0.7
ClalTrW5	1042	3.5
CorBeach	2700	-2.0
CoOp	1238	
Crystal	4854	
DanHotl	3171	
DCL	1249	
DCLW	729	-3.0
Elad	289	
Feldman	621	-0.5
GenHeder	336	
GenHedC	304	
Glbg02	221	3.1
GrantC1	128.00	-0.4
GrantW2	173.56	-0.6
HGIC1	140.50	4.1
HGIW1	558	
HGI1	1164	
Irgame1	8048	-2.0
Irgame5	5219	-2.0
Isoi	3335	-0.5
Lnz	2327	-1.0
Maki	1348	
Medtech	1147	1.2
MedtechW	1784	1.0
MLLC1	285	
Repac	3421	-4.5
Rashal	300	1.7
RashalC1	132.50	
Team	5781	-0.3
TeamC1	326	-2.4
TeamC2		
Televe	1745	-1.0
Toplna	714	
YaadC1	150.00	
Yaara	1487	
Yeda1	1338	0.8
Yona	1145	-0.3
Industrials		
AcknrtC	176.00	0.9
ActindC	498	
AdecomC2	159.00	0.3
Alliance	2188	1.5
Avon	544	1.5
AlonW1	86.60	
AlumW1L	16477	-0.5
Angel	14854	-1.8
Argaman	19180	1.8
AryiC1	128.00	-2.5
Ashply	3142	-1.3
Ashplyt1	183.00	
AshplyW2	2501	
AshrmW1		
Ashram	808	-0.8
Atzmon	1204	1.0
AtzmonW1	807	-1.8
Avmuh	1036	3.0
Beiman	812	
BoulosC1	248	
Cables C2	371	
CablesC3	128.00	
CablesW3	768	3.1
Caroline	1363	-0.5
Cargal	1586	
Castro	1580	-1.0
Chem	573	-0.6
ChemW1	156.50	-1.6
CldStC	385	0.8
CldSt0.1	3302	-1.0
Clnd C8	201	-1.0
CycloneW	10782	5.2
Cyclone1	21177	
Cyclone5	14577	
CyclonC1	186.00	-0.3
CyclonC2	188.00	
Dafron	178.50	
DafronW2	2585	
Dafron1	4294	
Dapme	1273	-0.8
Dagem1	1913	0.6
Dalia 1	2353	-1.5
Dalia3	3205	-1.5
DubekB	19556	-4.0
DubekR	19146	-8.0
EagleC	160.00	
EagleC2	45.00	
EagleW3	26.90	
Eagle1	32.00	
Egoz	559	-3.5
EdgarC2	147.50	-7.4
EdanTec	188.00	
EldWW1	24850	-1.0
Elcoins	5064	
Elcmas	2126	
ElcrtW1	575	4.2
Elcr 0.5	10461	
ElectrGI	362	
ElbC	271	
EshdRhc	1260	-2.0
Evrst	923	
Fortun5	3405	6.5
Fortn0.1	3514	2.5
FeuchtW1	5131	10.0
FeuchtW5	4192	10.0
Five J	1036	-1.0
FrutarC1	132.50	0.5
FrutarC2	168.50	
GiborC1	118.50	3.0
GborSab	859	-3.9
GiborW2	1238	
Golan	1638	2.2
Hamashbr1	20822	-2.3
Hamashbr5	21082	-5.0
Heshhof1	618	3.0
Heshhof5	476	1.3
Hod	460	
Hofit	384	2.5
IsrCan1	3248	-2.0
Jaf-ora	865	-1.0
Katom	7032	0.3
KatomC2	196.50	4.0
Keter	522	-0.6
KitanCT	136.00	-0.7
KlanW1		
Kli5	2643	1.0
Lapis	5220	-1.6
Lodzia1	2378	2.0
Lodzia5	1795	-2.0
LuhotGal	545	
MacPell	1006	-0.5
MacPellW1	19.80	-52.4
Magam	836	
Mamal1	2665	-3.0
Mamas5	2234	
Mei Eden	1176	1.3
Modgal	398	-1.5
Moderal1	1182	-7.3
Moderal5	1074	-6.8
NegCeram	580	
Nehushtan1	1567	-1.5
Nehushtan5	1330	
Neval	1580	-8.8
NevalW1		
Nisal1	2344	-1.0
NMC	850	
Ofis	1304	
Ophir	383	-2.0
Ordi1	720	0.6
Orlite	458	-2.6
PackerW2	16308	0.5
Pargod	3464	-1.3
PazChen	954	
Pila	1085	-0.5
PolgatA	563	
PolgatC1	183.00	
PolgatW3	278	-0.4
Polygon	1403	
PolygonC1	180.50	
PCB	1164	0.3
Rabinex	1923	-0.3
RabinexW	957	-0.5
SanLon1	1190	
Sano1	1957	-0.3
Sano5	1758	
Sefen	1053	1.0
Shemen	24655	
Spacer	670	
Steel	210	
Sunfrost	13034	-3.0
Taal	117056	0.5
Tadiran	1409	
TadirC	305	-0.3
Tadea	1151	
Tir	1122	-0.3
Tobias1	644	
Topper	465	-0.9
TATC1	337	-4.0
TAT1	1431	
Unibar1	1580	6.5
Unibar5	883	-0.3
Vitalgo1	917	5.0
Vulcan	340	-0.3
VulcanC	165.50	-4.9
Wasseran	31290	
WardinW3	19189	-1.5
YtongC2	445	-0.9
Zahavi	589	
Zika1	1887	0.8
Zika5	1732	0.5
Zikan	5726	-0.5
Zion5	3133	
ZionCab1	1331	4.0
Zoharind	1226	2.3
Property, Building & Agriculture		
Alrov	3079	-4.5
AlrovC		
AlrovW1L	1077	-10.0
Arazim	813	2.0
Arazm C1	180.00	
Aradan1	1586	
Agas	3248	
AgasC4	226	
AzorimW2	1851	-6.2
AzorpriC1	287	
AzorpriW3	186.50	-5.1
AzorProp	787	
Barano1	2343	-1.5
Bayside5	25389	7.0
BaysideC1	35608	5.0
BenYakar	6722	2.3
BenYakarW1	2426	-10.0
BenYharC	111.00	
BdgRas	7538	0.5
Canaan	3804	-2.5
Darkizer	2221	
DanEnerC	177.00	0.9
Danel1	511	
Danbar	8281	-3.0
DanbarCw	852	
Engel	1080	-3.0
GoldHaus	304	
GldHouse	165.50	-0.3
Hilan	765	
IslandWk	611	-1.0
Ispro	3586	-2.5
Isralom	2586	-1.3
IsralomC	284	7.3
IsralomW	2871	1.0
IsrasC1	225	0.9
Isras0.5	8850	
Israst1	5635	5.0
ICP5	38082	
Jerusalm1	694	-0.4
Jordan	628	
LadC1	144.50	-2.0
LaundW1	222	2.8
Launch	752	0.2
Liaho5	324	-5.0
Lumer1	10185	
MalibuC		
MalbuC2	170.50	
Malibu1	1831	-5.8
MarLanC	228	4.4
MarLanC2	130.00	
MarLanW3	329	-5.8
Mevav	14650	-8.5
Mehdar	460	
MTM	4366	1.0
NeoAmy	2083	-7.3
PaOr	7708	7.2
RedSea	931	
RogovinL	1640	
Rogovin5	1583	
Roem	900	1.0
Saharhil		
Secom	470	
Shaked	1207	2.2
Tashloz	1517	
Investment Companies		
Aciara1	1884	-1.5
Aciara2	1781	-0.5
AlnasC	864	1.1
Ampa	241540	-1.0
Arad	12884	-4.2
Az aC2	329	4.1
ClalW3	4714	
Clal60	6097	
DanbarC	286	-8.6
Danbar1	5832	-10.0
Elem	5520	2.0
Emeh	544	1.5
ExportC4	375	-0.5
EmiC1	817	4.5
Heron5	5058	-0.7
IDLC5	271	-2.2
Kardan1	988	0.2
Kardan02		
Kitel	1407	0.5
Magor1	4417	
Magor5	3795	
Molett	1235	0.5
OdiC1	141.50	-1.4
OarW1	2437	
Ofer	27363	3.0
Pamali1	2086	4.0
Rmt1	788	7.5
Rmt4	675	3.9
SaharDev	4051	
Securit	4476	-3.0
SecuritC	140.50	-0.7
SecuritW	2032	-3.5
TayaC	429	0.7
TaurC1	188.00	
TaurShar	137.00	-8.1
TaurW3	133.05	-10.1
Unico	9082	1.3
Oil Exploration		
JoelC1	211	1.4
JoelC1A	214	
MGN1	29888	1.3
PARALLEL LIST		
Trade & Services		
Atlan	3881	-0.2
AtlanW1	2771	-3.0
Comtec	805	
Dafin1	3530	
Danel	1834	-2.0
Denly	6585	3.0
Data	3022	
Eliach	1085	5.2
Greenbrg	6530	-8.5
ILDCHOT	985	1.2
Kind	370	0.5
Kopel	365	
KopelC1	194.00	1.3
MZPK	852	2.0
Minun1	781	-3.7
Trendlin	2818	-1.0
Property, Building		
Adler	235	
Caserael1	13931	8.0
Geet	1008	
GeetW1	883	
GeetC1	369	
Lamesh	412	-2.5
Lamesh1	1289	0.7
Maliron	1310	-2.5
Oz	340	-1.4
Ramco	4686	
Scandia	12316	2.7
ScandiaC	144.50	
UncomG1	142.00	
Uncom1	381	0.4
Uncom5	395	
UncomW3	193.00	7.8
Industrials		
Adumim1	550	-8.5
Bar—Ton1	3617	-10.8
Baruch1	2123	3.3
Baruch5	1238	3.3
Broun1	880	
Delta	6383	
Eitam	374	5.1
Gal	175.50	
Haman	2782	
Kalimany1	866	
King1	1366	
Lahah1	5302	
ManC1	180.50	
Man1	680	3.5
MLT	1900	-1.0
Neca	33203	3.2
NecaG1	132.50	0.8
Ohotab	1207	1.0
Oren	497	4.1
OrenC	131.50	-0.4
OrtaPrnt	1538	
Poliak1	2155	
Shladot	617	4.8
Tama	1838	-2.0
TibrvG1		
Investment Companies		
Binyan	243183	
Mega	236	
MivtaG1		
Ozone	772	2.2
Regent1	618	-0.2
Yisum	180.00	
Oil Exploration		
DIKDEn1	6302	-2.0
Naphtha	37.30	2.5

Two-sided trading

	AFTERNOON			MORNING		
Name	Price	% Change	Volume Shares	Price	% Change	Volume Shares
Abjac	119.0	2.0	1025000	118.0	1.3	458136
Ackerlin	962	-3.0	119600	982	-1.0	81629
Adacom	1194	-1.0	184300	1200	-0.5	65332
Afns 0.	490037	1.0	138	485185		91
Afrisr	456118	1.0	80	456118	1.0	57
Agan	4530	0.2	3500	4569		12209
Agis	3806	3.5	51100	3686	0.2	26874
Aryt	1173	-1.0	2150	1173	-1.0	14244
Avner	24.2	1.2	1755000	24.4	2.1	1011620
Azorim	5213	0.2	10500	5200		10226
ALPM	13251	0.7	2160	13251	0.8	1735
Bezek	702	1.5	277200	695	0.4	144659
Boulo	403	-0.2	128520	405	0.2	21489
Cables	2044	-1.0	57600	2117	2.5	44250
Clal Com	48152	0.5	850	48032	0.3	754
Clal Ele	38114	-1.7	4200	38017	-2.0	3087
Clal Tra	1877		10500	1877		30823
Clal 10	10435	0.2	37750	10409		7345
Clalins	1788	0.5	66150	1779		9244
Cldstr 5	3206			3206		13332
Clinds	2010	-0.7	188600	2025		60070
CohenDev	1449		8000	1449		27962
Danbar 5	3668	-2.0	4800	3696	-1.3	5787
Dead Sea	1277		37800	1277		44072
Delek	7389	0.5	3850	7444	1.3	6099
Discinv	24001	-0.7	12510	24001	-0.7	8729
Elbit	35480	-1.7	3920	36112		1556
Elco	8664		2750	8664		3643
Elite 5	1498		42500	1498		12922
Elron	15680	-1.5	9150	15800	-0.7	5626
Evergr n	5326		4050	5326		11852
Export	2342	-1.0	6000	2331	-1.5	1430
Fibi	59530		1600	59530		2105
Formula	3896	-1.0	11400	3935		8159
Frstlnt1	38713	-1.5	2640	39303		357
Frstlnt5	35815	1.0	1180	35549	0.3	440
Frutarom	875	1.0	42000	866		20337
Gahelet	13856	1.5	2800	13651		658
Granit	574	0.5	11400	571		22242
Hapoalm	420		129780	430		79440
Hapolm	14415	-1.7	9000	14599	-0.5	7786
IndBldg	473		210700	474	0.2	83328
IndDevBK	48522	3.5	880	47819	2.0	877
Isramco	28.4	4.7	43700000	28.2	4.1	8656005
IsrCorp1	39109		480	39109		1429
IsrCorp5	35426		700	35426		391
IsChem	246		2427400	246		457321
IDB	1317	-0.2	134000	1327	0.5	69096
IDBDev	70072	-0.5	1140	70424		717
ILDC	2426		5600	2426		15828
JEC	1909	1.0	40600	1899	0.5	13219
JOEL	441	2.2	365800	440	2.1	149628
Kardan5	840	-0.7	231000	859	1.5	42574
Kitan	1129	0.5	47300	1126	0.3	15465
Klil	2899	2.0	12600	2913	2.5	7818
Koor	22700		7600	22870	0.7	12788
Leumi	362	-0.5	415800	364		647704
LeumiW2	48.2	-1.2	1065000	48.8		1175629
Lifshiz1	422	-5.7	46400	426	-4.9	94709
Makhtesh	1607	0.2	76500	1611	0.5	26932
Malibu5	1875	-1.5	18000	1875	-1.5	40045
Maman	811	0.2	21000	809		67187
Marit1	3283	-2.0	21600	3350		11144
Mashov	1019	2.5	99000	1016	2.2	17410
Mehadrin	17820	0.2	600	17776		1778
MeirEzra	8146	-0.5	40800	8514	4.0	19675
Mivtah	2649	-1.0	9000	2676		9310
Multlock	2186		1250	2168		38311
MGN5	21689	-10.0	6120	23869	-1.0	3629
MLL1	973	-2.7	37800	995	-0.5	56873
NatoilDS	87.0	-4.2	442000	91.0		319492
NACIONAL	2331	-1.0	35000	2355		13633
Ocif	11667	0.2	3250	11638		1941
Ormat	1224	1.2	204750	1209		105496
Osem	2016	1.2	48000	2031	2.0	47834
OsemW1	657	1.2	88000	649		41876
PazoilEx	348	1.5	124800	343		65858
Pecker	21138	1.2	3000	21086	1.0	550
Periclas	2618	-0.2	36000	2651	1.0	11591
Petrchem	731	-0.7	74500	737		27326
Piryon	25281	-0.5	2880	25418		1605
PoalimW2	69.5	-4.0	1140000	72.5		972205
PolgatB	585	0.2	27000	588	0.7	49346
Poseidon	278	1.0	137200	289	5.1	83721
Rogosin	4850	1.5	5000	4778		3786
SelaPump	228	-0.7	806000	231	0.4	157664
SupersIB	5857	0.2	4785	5842		2977
Tamboue	926			826		9491
Tempo1	2357	-1.0	27600	2393	0.5	4337
Teva	75082	2.0	5275	75450	2.5	4176
TevaC	422	1.0	56400	422	1.0	32190
Tibnveal	1148	-7.2	60300	1238		55131
TAT5	906		26000	904	-0.2	28129
Urdan 0.	472	-0.7	55000	476		65521
Yaad	1737	-0.2	10150	1732	-0.5	15846
Ytong	1054	-1.2	22500	1056	-1.0	21250

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Name	Price	chg
NEW YORK		
AMP Inc	58.875	+0.875
AMR Corp	56.5	+1.75
ASA	38.75	+0.875
Abbott Labs	28.25	+0.5
Acme Cleveland	10.5	+0
Advanced Micro	25.625	+1.625
Aetna Life	52.5	+0.625
Affiliated Publ	10.5	-0.125
Aflac	30	+1
Ahmanson (HF)	18.625	+0.5
Air Prods	43.75	+0.75
Alberto-Culv B	21.75	+0.25
Albertson's	28.75	-0.25
Alcan Aluminum	20.875	+0.5
Alco Standard	51	+0.125
Alex & Alex	14.875	+0.125
Allegheny Power	23.75	+0.25
Allied Signal	34.875	+0.625
Alcoa	68.75	+0.5
Amax	21.875	+0.125
Amdahl Corp	7	+0.375
Amerada Hess	47.625	+0.375
Amer Brands	32.125	+0.125
Amer Cyanamid	48	+0
Amer El Power	32.625	+0.75
Amer Express	29.625	-0.25
Amer Genl Corp	26.875	-0.5
Amer Greetng	30.375	+0.25
Amer Home Pr	58.875	+0.5
Amer Int'l	87	+0
Amer Natl Ins	50	+1.75
Amer Stores	60.75	-0.5
Amer T & T	53	+0.875
Ameritech	42.5	+0.625
Ametek Inc	12.375	+0.125
Amoco	55	-0.125
Analog Devices	25.875	+1.25
Anheuser-Busch	53.625	-0.625
Aon Corp	46.875	+0.375
Apple Computer	29.625	+1.375
Archer Daniels	23.25	+0.375
Arkla	6.5	-0.125
Armco	4.75	+0
Armstrong World	52.625	+0.25
Asarco	22.625	+0.875
Ashland Oil	40.875	-1.125
Atlantic Rchfld	97.125	-0.625
Auto Data Pro	49.875	+0.875
Autodesk	54.75	+1.25
Avery Dennison	28.75	+0.125
Avnet Inc	38.125	+1
Avon Products	60.25	+1.5
Bairnco Corp	3.5	+0.125
Baker Hughes	17.875	+0.25
Ball Corp	25.875	-0.25
Bally	6.625	-0.125
Baltimore Gas	24.25	+0.375
Banc One Corp	34.375	+0.75
Bandag	48.25	+0
BankAmerica	45.75	+2.25
Bank of Boston	26	+0.25
Bank of New Yk	54.875	-0.25
Bankers Trst NY	69.125	-0.625
Barnett Banks	45.75	-0.625
Battle Mount Gd	9.375	+0.25
Bausch & Lomb	44.75	-0.25
Baxter Intl	23	+0.375
Becton Dickinson	37.25	-1.125
Bell Atlantic	54.75	+1.125
Bell Industries	16	+0.125
BellSouth	62.375	+0.375
HA Belo Corp	46.25	+0
Beneficial Corp	36.375	-0.25
Bethlehem Steel	19.125	-0.125
Beverly Enterprs	13	+0.25
Black & Decker	19.625	-0.375
Boeing	44.25	+0.125
Boise Cascade	22	-0.25
Borden Inc	12.125	+0
Bowater Inc	21.125	+0
Briggs & Strttn	80.625	-1.25
Brstl Myrs Sqb	53.25	+1
Brit Arwys ADR	61.75	+1.75
BP ADR	67.375	+0.25
Brit Steel ADR	22.375	-0.375
Brit Telecom	57.75	+1.25
Brooklyn Union	24.125	+0.375
Brown Group	37.5	-0.125
Brown & Sharpe	8.5	+0
Browning Ferris	28.75	+1
Brunswick	20.5	+0.375
Burlington Nthn	55	+2.5
CBI Inds	30	-1
CBS Inc	273	-3
CMS Energy Corp	22.375	+0
CPC Intern	48.25	+0.625
CSX Corporation	77.125	+1.5
Cabot Corp	60.875	-1
Campbell Soup	40	+0.25
Capital Cts ABC	670	-3
Capital Holdings	30.625	+0
Carolina Pwr Lt	26.625	+0.5
Carpenter Tech	67.875	+0
Carter Hawley	11.5	-0.375
Caterpillar	106.625	+2.125
Centerior Energy	11.75	+0.375
Centex Corp	27.875	+0.5
Central & SW	25.375	+0.375
Ceridian	24.25	+0.625
Champion Intl	29.875	+0
Chrmg Shoppers	11.625	+0.75
Chase Manhattan	34.75	-1.25
Chemical Bkg	36.75	+0.375
Chevron Corp	90	-0.5
Chiquita Brands	14.125	+0.125
Chrysler	48	+2
Chubb Corp	78.875	-0.125
Citicorp	37.875	+0.5
Clark Equipment	56.75	-1.25
Clevld Cliffs	35.5	+0.625
Clorox	50.5	+2.5
Coastal Corp	30.875	-0.5
Coca Cola	40.5	+0.625
Coca Cola Ent	17.5	-0.25
Colgate Palmolv	57.625	-0.125
Comcast Corp A	15.375	+0.375
Commonw Edison	25.25	+0.5
Compaq	108.75	+6.875
Computer Ass Int	28.125	+1.375
Computer Sc.	38.625	-0.125
Conagra	29.25	+0.875
Cons Edison	31	+0.375
Cons Freightways	22.625	+0
Cons Nat Gas	38.5	+0.5
Cons Rail	54.875	+0
Contl Bank Corp	26.125	+1
Contl Corp	22.75	-0.375
Cooper Inds	36.75	+0.375
Coors (Adolph)	18.5	+0.5
Corning Inc	30.625	-0.25
Crane	25.75	-0.375
Cray Research	26.375	+0.5
Crown Cork Seal	36.375	+0
Cummins Engine	41.5	-1.875
Curtiss-Wright	35.25	+0.25
Cypress Semicon	16.75	+1.375
Cyprus Mineral	26	+0.125
DSC Commun	58	+2.5
DQE	32.625	+0.375
Dana Corp	63.875	+0.75
Data General	7	+0.125
Dayton Hudson	75.125	+1.375
De Beers	21.75	+0.625
Deere	78.75	+3.125
Delm Pwr & L	20.875	+0.125
Delta Air Lnes	41.25	+1.125
Deluxe Corp	27.75	-0.125
Detroit Edison	26.875	+0.125
Dial Corp Del	45.25	+1.625
Diebold Inc	38.625	+0.5
Digital Equip	19.25	-0.5
Dillard Dep St	34	+1.125
Disney (Walt)	42.125	+1.25
Dominion Res	42.125	+0.75
Donnelley (RR)	27.5	-0.125
Dover Corp	56.25	-0.75
Dow Chemicals	60	-0.125
Dow Jones	38	+0.375
Dresser	21.625	+0.625
Dreyfus Corp	40.375	+0.25
Duke Power	36.75	+0.125
Dun & Brdst	58.375	+1
Du Pont	54.875	-1.125
E G & G Corp	15.25	+0
E-Systems	38.875	-0.125
Eastern Ents	26.625	+0.125
Eastman Kodak	41.375	+0.375
Exxon Corp	51.75	+1.75
Echlin Inc	25	-0.125
Emerson Elec	56.75	-0.125
Engelhard Corp	25.5	-0.125
Enron Corp	29.625	-0.25
Ensrch Corp	14	+0
Entergy Corp	31.875	+0.125
Ethyl Corp	11.25	+0.125
Exxon	62.5	-0.5
FMC Corp	46	+0.5
FPL Group	35.375	+0.625
Fedders Corp	7.375	+0.125
Federal Express	71.625	+0.625
Federal Mogul	27.125	+1.625
Fed Nat Mtge	84.125	+1.25
Federal Ppr Bd	21.375	-0.25
Fieldcrest Can	30.75	-0.25
First Bank Syst	26.125	-0.125
First Chicago	52.5	+0
Fst Fid Bcorp	46.625	+0.375
First Interst	75	-0.75
Fst Mississippi	15.375	+0.5
Fst Union Rlty	7.625	-0.375
Fleet Finl Grp	38.75	-0.625
Fleetwd Enterp	18	+0
Fleming Cos Ok	24	+0.5
Florida Prog	30.25	+0.75
Fluor Corp	51.375	+1.375
Food Lion Inc	6	+0.125
Ford Motor	58.75	+1.375
Foster Wheeler	40	+0.875
Freeport McMor	18.25	-0.25
GATX Corp	39.625	+0.25
Geico Corp	54.375	+0.25
GTE Corp	32.875	+0.625
Gannett	52.75	-0.375
Gap Inc Del	45	+1.375
Gencorp	13.625	+0
Gen Am Invest	20.875	+0.75
Gen Dynamics	39.375	-0.875
Gen Electric	98.25	+0.75
Gen Mills	51.875	-1.375
Gen Motors	56.375	+0.75
Gen Motors E	36.5	+1.625
Gen Public Util	31.375	+0.875
Gen Reinsurnce	113.375	-1.5
Gen Signal	31.25	+0.625
Genuine Parts	34.5	+0.375
Georgia Pac	68	-0.25
Gerber Prodcts	29.625	+0.75
Gillette	60.375	+2
Glaxo ADR	17.125	+0.625
Golden W Finl	39.5	+0.625
Goodrich (BF)	45.125	-1.125
Goodyear Tire	38.625	+0.25
Grace (W&R)	40.125	+0.625
Grainger (WW)	60.125	+0.25
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23.5	+0.375
Grt Western Finl	16.625	+0.125
Grow Group	14.875	-0.5
Grumman Corp	61.875	0
Halliburton	29.25	+0.375
Hanna (MA)	34.875	-0.75
Harcourt	31.375	+0
Harnischfeger	20.625	-0.125
Harris Corp	43.5	+0.875
Harsco Corp	41.75	+0.375
Hartmax	6.375	-0.125
Hasbro	30.875	-0.25
Hecla Mining	11	-0.25
Heinz (HJ)	33.625	+0.375
Hlmrch & Payne	26.25	+0.375
Hercules	104.75	-0.75
Hershey Foods	44.5	+0.125
Hewlett Packard	78.875	+2.875
Hilton Hotels	54	+1.875
Home Depot	41.25	+1.625
Homestake	18.25	+0.75
Honeywell	31.875	+0
Hormel (Geo)	19.25	+0
Household Intl	32	+0.75
Houston Inds	36.875	-0.125
Humana	18.875	-1.75
ITT Corp	87.375	-0.25
Illinois Power	22.625	-0.75
Illinois Tool	40	+0.875
Imcera Group		
INCO	22.25	+0.375
Ingersoll Rand	33.625	+0.375
Inland Steel	33	+0.625
Intel Corp	66.25	+2.75
Intergraph	8.5	-0.75
Interlake	2.875	+0
IBM	58.375	-5.125
Intl Fmly Entt	16.5	-0.125
Intl Flav & Fr	38.75	-0.5
Intl Multifoods	15.75	+0.5
Intl Paper	62	+0.25
Interpublic	28.625	-0.25
James River Bs	17.125	+0.25
Jefferson Pilt	50.5	+0.875
Johnson & J	40.875	+0.375
K Mart	18.125	-0.125
Kellogg	52.375	+3.625
Kennametal	48.625	+0.75
Kerr-McGee	46	-0.25
KeyCorp	32	+0
Kimberly-Clark	53.125	+1.25
King World Prod	34.75	-0.125
Knight Ridder	58.375	+0.375
Kroger	22.375	-0.5
LSI Logic	19.125	+2.125
Leggett & Platt	40.25	-0.5
[illegible]	37.625	-0.125
Lilly (Eli)	50.25	+2
Limited Inc	19.25	+0.375
LIN Broadcstng	105	-0.75
Lincoln Nat	38	-0.125
Litton	29.875	+0.125
Liz Claiborne	25	-0.75
Lockheed Corp	61.625	+0.5
Loews Corp	91	+0.875
Lone Star		
Long Island Lt	22.625	-0.25
Longs Drug Strs	31.75	+0
Loral Corp	35.875	-0.25
Lotus Dev Corp	64.25	-2.5
Louisiana Land	39.625	-0.25
Louisiana Pacif	32.375	+0.625
Lowe's Co Inc	32	-2
Lubrizol	34.375	+0.125
MA Comm Inc	5.75	-0.125
MCI Commun	24	-0.125
Manor Care	26.625	-0.125
Manville Corp	8.125	-0.125
Mapco Inc	62.125	-0.625
Marion Merrell	18.75	-0.375
Marriott	26.5	+0.625
Mrsh & McLn	86.125	+1.25
Martin Marietta	164.5	+0
Masco Corp	27.375	+0
Massmutual Corp	31.125	-0.25
Mattel Inc	24.375	-0.375
Maxus Energy	4.375	+0
May Dept St	40.625	+0.625
Maytag Corp	17.125	+0.375
McDermott	21	+0.125
McDonalds	58.875	-2
McDonnell Dglas	114.5	+1
McGraw Hill	64.375	-0.25
McKesson Corp	64.125	+1.125
Mead Corp	40.125	+0.25
Medtronic	73.25	-1.125
Mellon Bk	57.625	-0.625
Melville Corp	38.875	+0.625
Mentor Graphics	13.375	+0.5
Mercantile Strs	38.75	+0.5
Merck Inc	31	+1.625
Meredith Corp	42.75	-0.875
Merrill Lynch	35.625	+1.125
Microsoft Corp	81.5	+2
Millipore	44.5	+0.375
Mine Safety App	41	+0
Minnesota Mine	48.5	+0
Mitchell Energy	18.25	-0.125
Mobil Corp	76.125	-0.375
Molex Inc	32	+0
Monarch Machi	10	0
Monsanto	76.25	+0.25
Morgan (JP)	63	+0.5
Morrison-Knudsn	26.25	+0.375
Morton Intl	86.625	+3.875
Motorola Inc	46	+2.5
Multimedia Inc	28	+0.25
Murphy Oil	43.75	+0.375
Nacco Inds	47.375	-0.75
Nalco Chemical	33.5	+1
Nashua Corp	25.75	+0.375
Natl City Corp	26.75	-0.5
Natl Intergrp	16.375	+0
Natl Medcl Ent	16.25	+0.625
Natl Semi	19.875	+1.25
Natl Serv Ind	26.5	+0.25
NatWest Bank	40.375	+0.25
Navistar Inc	18.5	-0.375
NBD Bancorp	28.25	-0.125
Network Systems	6.625	+0.25
Neutrogena Corp	18.5	+0.25
New England El	37	+0.5
NY State El Gas	27.5	-0.625
NY Times A	25.875	+0
Newmont Mining	48.375	+0.625
Niag Mohawk	19.625	+0.25
Nicor Inc	27.5	+0.25
Nike Inc	54.125	+0.625
NL Industries	6.25	+0
Noble Affil	27.625	+0.875
Nordstrom	38.375	+1.125
Norfolk Southrn	61.875	+1.375
Northeast Util	24.5	+0.5
Nthn State Pwr	43.5	+1.375
Northrop	37	-0.125
Norwest Corp	26.375	+0.125
Nynex Corp	36.125	-0.75
Occidental Pet	18.625	-0.375
Ogden Corp	15	+0
Ohio Casualty	61	+0.25
Ohio Edison	19.125	+0.25
Olin Corp	50.5	-1
Omnicom Group	47	+0.25
Oneok Inc	17.375	-0.375
Oracle Systems	30.25	+3.375
Oryx Energy Co	16.5	+0.125
Oshkosh B'gosh	13.75	-0.25
Outboard Marine	19.25	-0.25
Overseas Ship	20	-0.375
Owens Corning	33.375	+0.25
PHH Group	33.625	-0.75
PNC Financial	28	-0.125
PPG Industries	71.875	-1.125
PSI Hldgs	22.75	+0.5
Paccar Inc	62.5	+2
Pacificorp	17.75	-0.125
Pac Enterprises	22.125	-0.125
Pac Gas & Elec	29.25	-0.375
Pac Telesis	32.375	-0.375
Pall Corp	16.375	-0.125
Panh Eastern	20.75	-0.25
Paramount	37.75	+0.375
Parker Drilling	5.625	+0
Parker Hannifin	40	-0.5
Penn Central		
Penney (JC)	53.875	+0.875
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	24.75	+0.5
Pennzoil	47.75	-0.625
People's Energy	29.875	-0.75
Pepsico	38.25	-0.25
Perkin Elmer	29.5	-1.375
Petrie Stores	25.625	-1.375
Pfizer	59.5	-1.75
Phelps Dodge	51.25	-0.125
Philadel Elec	29.125	-0.25
Philip Morris	52.375	-0.375
Phillips Pet	30.875	-0.875
Pioneer Hi Bred	35.5	-0.5
Pitney Bowes	41.75	+0.375
Policy Mgt Svc	28.75	+0.875
Potash Corp	24	+1.125
Potomac El Pwr	23	+0.25
Procter & Gamble	57.25	+1.5
Pub Svc Enterpr	28.5	-0.375
Pug Snd Pwr	21.375	-0.875
Quaker Oats	64.625	+1.25
Quanex Corp	20.375	-0.375
RJR Nabisco	6.25	+0
Ralston Purina	38.125	-0.75
Rank Orgnsn ADR	12.5	-0.375
Raychem Corp	34.375	-0.125
Raytheon	64.875	-0.375
Reebok Intl	29.375	+0.625
Reynolds Reyn A	20.5	-1.125
Reynolds Metals	42.25	+0.25
Rite Aid Corp	18.625	-0.125
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Royal Dutch	107.125	+0.5
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Ruddick	18.125	-0.625
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Ryder System	24	-0.75
Rymer Co	1.75	-0.125
SPS Technology	23.25	+0.5
Safeco Corp	50.375	-0.375
Safety-Kleen	14.5	-0.375
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Spring Inds	34.25	-0.25
Sprint Corp	37.125	-0.25
Stand Brnds Pnt	1.875	-0.125
Standard Prods	28.625	-0.125
Stanley Works	38.75	-0.875
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Stratus Comp	23.5	-0.25
Sun America	7.375	+0.125
Sun Company	33.375	+0.75
Sundstrand	45.625	+0.25
Sun Microsystems	23.125	-1.375
Suntrust	46.625	-0.125
Supervalu	31.75	-0.375
Syntex Corp	12.75	-0.25
Sysco Corp	25.75	-1.25
TJX Cos Inc	23.25	+0
TRW Inc	64.625	-0.125
Tambrands	35.375	-0.375
Tandem Comp	12.625	-0.25
Tandy Corp	33.25	-2.125
Telecom Corp	18.5	-0.125
Teledyne	14.375	-0.625
Temple Inland	46.875	-0.5
Tenneco	50	-0.25
Tesoro Pet	10.5	+0.25
Texaco	63.875	+0.125
Texas Instrmnts	71.5	+6.75
Texas Utilities	37.5	-0.125
Textron	53.25	-0.875
Thiokol	24.125	-0.375
Thomas & Betts	63	+0.875
Time Warner	36.375	-0.125
Times-Mirror	31.25	-1
Timken	33.5	-0.375
Torchmark	38.125	-1.25
Tosco Corp	28.875	-0.125
Total Pet N Am	15.75	-0.25
Toys R Us	33.75	-0.75
Transamerica	49.875	-0.125
Transco Energy	14.625	-0.125
Tribune	60.75	-0.5
TRINOVA Corp	35	-0.5
Triton Energy	27.5	+0.875
Tyco Labs	44.875	-1.5
Tyler	5.25	+0
UAL Corp	126	-3
USG Corp	25.25	+0.75
UST Inc	25.75	+0
USX Marathon	17.5	-0.625
USX-US Steel	34.375	-1.25
Unilever NV	63.625	-0.75
Union Camp	43.125	-0.75
Union Carbide	24	-0.125
Union Electric	35.625	-0.625
Union Pacific	58.125	+1.875
Unisys Corp	14	+0.625
USAIR Group	6.625	+0.375
USF&G Corp	12.75	+0.5
US Home	20.125	-0.5
US Life	38.5	-0.125
US Shoe	17.375	-0.375
US Surgical	16.125	-0.125
US-Trust	62.5	-0.25
US West	43.5	-1.125
United Tech	63.75	-1.75
Unocal Corp	26.375	-0.375
Upjohn	28	-0.25
VF Corp	50.5	-0.625
Valero Energy	21.625	+0.125
Vulcan Materials	46.5	-0.125
Wachovia	31.25	-0.375
Walgreen	40.875	+0.375
Wal-Mart Stores	25.625	-1.625
Warner-Lambert	67	+1.625
Wash Gas Light	38.625	-0.25
Washington Post	222.375	-1.625
Waste Mgmt Inc	25.5	-0.625
Watkins-Johnson	28.75	+0.125
Weis Markets	25.375	-0.125
Wells Fargo	143.125	+0.375
Wendy's Intl	17.375	+0.25
Western Publ	11.375	+0
Westinghouse El	11.5	+0.375
Westvaco	30	+0
Weyerhaeuser	39.625	-0.125
Whirlpool	53.75	+0.25
Whitman	15.5	+0.25
Willamette Ind	44.25	+0.5
Winn Dixie Stos	47	-2
Woolworth	16	+0.25
Worthington Ind	18.75	-0.125
Xerox	97.25	+2
Yellow Freight	21.125	+0.1875
Zenith Electron	9.125	-0.375
Zero Co	12.625	-0.125
LONDON		
Allied - Lyons	585	+9.5
BAT Inds	438	+3
BP	376.5	2.90625
BT	382.5	+1.5
BTR	387.5	+4
Barclays	509	-7
Bass	560	-5
Boots	529.5	-4
British Airways	407	+0
British Gas	303.5	+2.5
Cable & Wire	452.5	+0.5
General Electric	313.5	+1
Grand Met	451	-5
Glaxo	570	+5
Guinness	465.5	+6
HSBC (75p shs)	723	-21
Hanson	259.75	+0
ICI	804.5	+3
Land Securities	656	-1
Lloyds Bank	585	+47
Marks & Spencer	427	-1.5
NatWest Bank	445.5	-3
Prudential	323.5	-1
Reuters	498	-8
Sainsbury	361.5	-6
Shell Transport	711	-3.5
Unilever	1055	+3
Wellcome	509	-7
PARIS		
Accor	703	-22
Air Liquide	801	-7
Alcatel Alsthom	670	-13
BSN	842	-7
BNP Cert Inv	210	-8.9
Canal	951	-4
Carrefour	3995	-17
Chargeurs	1486	-3
Club Med	440	-0
Cred Lyon (CI)	584	-3
Elf Aquitaine	394.2	-4.8
Euro Disney	37.7	-0
Eurotunnel	29.5	-4.1
Hachette	131	-4
LVMH	868	-13
Lafarge Coppee	438	-7
Lyonn Eaux	569	-7
Michelin B	256.4	-7
Moulinex	140.8	-0.4
Paribas	417.3	-1.7
Pernod Ricard	362.3	-2.7
Peugeot	906	-5
Rhone Poulenc Cts	171	-0
Saint Gobain	687	-12
Suez (Fin de)	366.1	-2
Total B	336.6	-8.2
FRANKFURT		
Allianz AG	1900	-10
BASF	321.8	-2.3
Bayer	392	-1.1
Commerzbank	376	-0.3
Daimler-Benz	[illegible]	-5.5
Deutsche Bank	765.5	-16.5
Dresdner Bk	394.6	-8.8
Hoechst	347	-2
Lufthansa	200	-1
Mannesmann	283.5	-3.5
Mercedes Hld		
Metallgesellschaft	220	-2
Porsche	573	-3
Siemens	727	+7
Volkswagen	567.5	-6.5

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd.

Little activity, change on TASE

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ANDRE LUMBROSO

Two-Sided index	Maof index	Karam index
216.81 +0.12%	210.70 +0.12%	264.08 NC %

IT was a day of little activity on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Turnover was NIS 244 million, similar to the previous days this week, and the prices did not move much. The Two-Sided and the Maof indexes rose by 0.12%, while the Karam showed no change from Wednesday.

Rises and declines on the Two-Sided market were virtually tied – 41 to 42 – and most of these were in the 1% range, with a few exceptions. Agis rose 3.5% on a turnover of NIS 2.9m. and Ackerstein Industries dropped 3%. Teva was up 2% (following a similar rise in New York); Industrial Development Bank was up 3.5%; Shekem rose 4% as the government ponders its continued privatization.

The oil issues continued to behave according to their own rules, which few people seem to understand. Isramco was up 4.8% on the highest turnover of the day – NIS 14.8m. On the other hand, Hanal declined by 4.4% and Magen by 10%.

The market has somewhat recovered from the recent rumors of investigations but remains jumpy since it has no clear direction. Therefore, it relies on outside forces which give it a sense of direction, albeit temporary, even when those forces have no real bearing on the market's fundamentals or the economy.

The latest of such inspiring forces is the American stock market. First there were declines in the general share indexes in New York after US prime interest rate hikes. A more specific factor is the decline in Israeli shares, particularly those listed on the OTC market. These factors have in recent days contributed to pushing prices down on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

It will be interesting to see how the market reacts on Sunday to another outside influence – news of progress in the meeting between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Bucharest.

FTSE closes firmer

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – Share prices closed firmer and near the top of the day's narrow trading range supported by a higher Wall Street and firmer US Treasury bonds and despite disappointment over short term UK interest rate prospects.

The FTSE 100 ended 2.9 points up at 3,101.2 on improved volume of 770 million shares. Although hopes of a near term cut in base rates were killed by news of stronger than expected UK March retail sales, the data was encouraging in itself, dealers said.

Lloyds Bank rose 49p to 585 after news of its 1.8b. sterling takeover of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society.

FRANKFURT - German share prices closed the bourse session higher, buoyed by DAX and bund futures prices coming off their lows. Share prices seen steady but tracking bund futures prices in nervous post-bourse trade. The DAX-30 index ended at 2,196.97, up 0.66 percent or 14.33 points on the day.

PARIS - French shares finished lower in very nervous trade, but each push down towards the session's lows attracted short-covering. Tomorrow is the last day of the April bourse account, which meant trade was futures-led and technical. The CAC-40 index ended down 10.76, or 0.51%, at 2,091.95.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended down, but off lows after the market gained back some of earlier losses as Wall Street opened firmer. Dealers said recent weak bonds had hit the market, led by dropping insurers and banks. The all share SPI fell 20.09 to 1,795.49.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks ended a quiet session a bit lower as continuing political turmoil and the yen's appreciation against the dollar sidelined investors, dealers said. The approach of a three-day national holiday at the end of this month also discouraged trade.

"Political turmoil – with the coalition in real trouble – is pushing up the yen against the dollar and delaying the passage of the budget, and investors are taking a wait-and-see stance," said Kaoru Ichikawa, dealer at Kokusai Securities.

The Nikkei average ended down 82.82 points or 0.42% to 19,799.36 points.

HONG KONG - Shares closed sharply lower on expectations of a rise in local interest rates and concerns over a government plan to cool the overheated property market. The blue chip Hang Seng Index tumbled 286.42 points, or 3.11%, to close at 8,934.59, but bargain hunting brought it up from a low of 8,860.51.

SYDNEY - Australian shares closed lower after erratic trade, hurtby weaker futures and on-going uncertainty in overseas markets. Brokers said the local bourse remains jittery with investors preferring to stay on the sidelines. The all ordinaries, after climbing six points initially, ended 17.0 points down at 2,029.6 points on moderate turnover.

JOHANNESBURG - South African gold shares finished generally lower on Thursday as they awaited a break above at least $374 an ounce from bullion. Dealers said financial rand strength was also capping share prices, with few fresh factors emerging to influence direction. The Overall index closed off nine points to 5,037, industrial index three up at 5,963 and gold index 23 points down at 1,860.

Dow Jones rises sharply

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks staged a dramatic rebound yesterday, reversing most of their losses earlier this week, as interest rates fell and IBM reported strong profits.

Stocks rose in tandem with bond prices, which shot higher following a report of higher-than-expected unemployment claims and a weak report on economic activity from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

The price of the 30-year US government bond was up more than $10 per $1,000 face value. Its yield, which falls when prices rise, stood at 7.21 percent, down from 7.31% late Wednesday.

"It's a whole different color than yesterday," remarked Richard Meyer, head of equity trading at Ladenburg, Thalmann and Co. brokerage.

On Wednesday, stocks fell despite a rise in bond prices as fear persisted in the equities market that rising interest rates would cut into corporate profits.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost a total of 62.76 points in the first three trading sessions this week after the Federal Reserve raised short-term interest rates on Monday by another ¼ point, for the third such tightening since early February.

Computer and technology stocks led the charge higher after IBM and Texas Instruments reported positive earnings. IBM's stock shot up more than 5 points, and Texas Instruments rose more than 3 points.

IBM said it earned $392 million in the first quarter, or 64 cents per share, for its second consecutive quarterly profit.

Despite the strength of the rally, traders and analysts said the market remains nervous that interest rates will continue to rise. Many fear the Federal Reserve will raise short rates again when its Open Market Committee meets on May 17.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 53.83 to 3,652.54.

Big Board volume totaled 378.6 million shares as of 4 p.m. (2000 GMT), against 362.02 million in the previous session.

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STERLING	2.5202/12	—	154.28/40	2.1375/93	8.6344/29
YEN	1.6322/43	0.6475/84	—	1.3847/65	5.5931/14
SFr	1.1784/92	0.4674/78	72.15/20	—	4.0380/15
FFr	0.2917/19	0.1157/58	17.84/89	0.2474/76	—

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Holyfield takes on physical equal

LAS VEGAS (AP) – Evander Holyfield finally has a chance to pick on someone his own size.

When Holyfield defends his share of the heavyweight title tonight against Michael Moorer, he won't be the only out-of-class former light heavyweight in the ring.

Moorer, like Holyfield, is a former light heavyweight champion. Like Holyfield, he is following a path similar to the one that Holyfield took to win a title in boxing's most coveted division.

"He came up from the light heavyweight division so he's got a lot of heart, just like I do," Holyfield said. "He's constantly fighting bigger guys, just like I am."

Moorer and Holyfield match up almost perfect physically, something of a treat for the heavyweight champion who has routinely spotted his title contenders 20, 30 or even 40 pounds.

Both fighters stand 1.88 meters and are within centimeters of each other in most physical categories, including reach. In Wednesday's pre-fight weigh-in, both tipped the scales at 214 pounds.

"Most of the heavyweights I've fought always felt they had an advantage because of size," Holyfield said. "Michael Moorer and I both have the same attitude, that size doesn't make a difference."

About the only difference is that Moorer is a left-hander, the first Holyfield has fought in eight years.

The 31-year-old Holyfield is a 2-1 favorite to retain his titles in a scheduled 12-round bout outdoors at Caesars Palace.

TITLE DEFENDER – Heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield weighs in for his bout against Michael Moorer. (Reuter)

It is his first fight since regaining the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation versions of the heavyweight title from Riddick Bowe last November in a decision that re-energized his career and his stature as a heavyweight champion.

"I'm not living on the Bowe fight anymore; the Bowe fight is behind me," said Holyfield, 30-1 with 22 knockouts. "This fight will put me a step closer to where I want to be."

The fight will also add another $10 million or so to Holyfield's bank account, already bulging from career earnings of more than $100 million.

So why his Holyfield still fighting? And why is he talking about fighting until 1996, when he hopes to meet Mike Tyson in a long delayed bout?

"Eventually I'm going to go down in history known as something," Holyfield said. "What that is, I don't know. But I look at possible fights against Lennox Lewis, Riddick Bowe again, and Tyson. Those are some great fights."

First, though, he must take care of Moorer, who brings a 34-0 record and a reputation as a devastating puncher with a questionable chin into his first major fight.

The 26-year-old Moorer has fought 12 times as a heavyweight, winning eight by knockout. But he was put on the canvas twice by Bert Cooper before coming back to win and he hasn't fought a top 10 contender.

"I've watched the tapes and I see if you can catch him off guard, you can get him down," Holyfield said. "But I'm not going to try and build my win off a lucky punch."

If he wins, Holyfield sets up a showdown with Lewis, who was given the World Boxing Council championship after Bowe relinquished it following his win in his first fight against Holyfield.

Women rackets fall to Belarus

HEATHER CHAIT

ISRAEL'S women tennis players went down 3-0 to Belarus in the qualifying round of the Federation Cup in Bad Waltersdorf, Austria, yesterday but only after a protracted battle lasting 5½ hours.

Despite the loss, Israel, having dismissed Egypt 3-0 on Monday, moves into today's second round to face the UK, seeded ninth, which defeated both Russia 2-1 and Luxembourg 3-0.

The grim determination of the Israeli players, seeded 11 among the 25 competing nations, surprised Belarus, the obvious favorites and seventh seeds.

Seventeen-year-old Hila Rosen, unranked in the world, tussled bravely against Tatiana Ignatieva, 240 in the world, but succumbed 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.

Then Israel's leading player, Anna Smashnova (91) vied with No. 10 in the world, Natalia Zvereva, losing 6-3, 6-2.

The concluding "dead" doubles with Zvereva and Ignatieva against Tzipi Obziler and Shiri Burstein ended in a 6-3, 6-3 victory for the Belarussians.

After today's second round with the remaining 16 countries, eight teams will reach the final round of the Europe/Africa group on Sunday after which the top four teams will meet in the final to be held in Frankfurt on July 17.

Other teams clashing today are: Belgium vs. Turkey, Austria vs. Russia, Ukraine vs. Slovenia, Romania vs. Hungary, Portugal vs. Belarus, Slovenia vs. Greece and Zimbabwe vs. Georgia.

England's final Test bound for draw

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (Reuter) – England was all out for 593 at tea on the last day of the final Test yesterday, equaling the West Indies score of 593-5 declared.

The match was bound for a draw with only one session remaining, leaving the West Indies 3-1 series winners.

England had started the morning 151 behind the West Indies on 442-6.

Jack Russell, caught behind the wicket off Winston Benjamin just before the lunch interval, went for 62 followed in the afternoon by Andy Caddick (22) and Angus Fraser and Phil Tufnell, both without scoring.

All-rounder Chris Lewis remained unbeaten on 75.

Russell and Lewis will both have been relieved to make runs as new England supremo Ray Illingworth looks to patch up weaknesses.

The match has been marked by Brian Lara's world record test score of 375 and a 303-run partnership between England captain Mike Atherton and Robin Smith.

Scores: West Indies 593-5 declared. England 593.

TA, Haifa neck-and-neck for soccer crown

DEREK FATTAL

IT may have hit 40 degrees outside in recent days, but that's nothing compared to the heat at the top of the National League soccer table as Maccabi Haifa and Maccabi Tel Aviv enter Round 33 still locked together in the scorching race for the title crown. The big two both perform at Bloomfield tomorrow in a special double-header, with the Tel Avivans taking to the park first.

The two sides not only have to cope with mental stress, but also face problems of fatigue caused by their international players' involvement in Israel's midweek match in Vilnius against Lithuania.

The struggle for the championship took a surprise turn last weekend with Maccabi Tel Aviv's 3-2 home loss against Hapoel Holon while Haifa was held to a 1-1 draw by Maccabi Netanya.

The results increased Haifa's lead at the top to two points. Despite Tel Aviv's setback, the leadership fight is still tantalizingly poised.

Maccabi Haifa meets Hapoel Tel Aviv, side that is on a roll of five straight victories. Hapoel coach Moshe Sinai has at last managed to get star signing Haim Revivo to perform at his best. As a result, Revivo has been invited to next month's national squad training session.

The Haifa side remains unbeaten in the league since last April, and if it can hold off the Hapoel's anticipated onslaught in this crucial tie, its chances of seizing the championship will increase, as Hapoel looks to be the only side left with a realistic chance of beating Maccabi.

Maccabi Tel Aviv is hosted by Maccabi Netanya at Bloomfield in the first match. The seasiders were in top form last week against Maccabi Haifa and the Tel Avivans will have to draw on all their resources if Netanya puts on a repeat display.

Betar Jerusalem recaptured third place in its 3-1 away win over Hapoel Beersheba last weekend, and will be conscious that its current league position could be rewarded with a place in Europe.

The Betaris meet an improving Hapoel Haifa side at Ashdod with the doors closed to Jerusalem fans due to the recent radius punishment imposed for crowd violence.

The improved Haifa side is now fighting hard to claw its way out of the relegation spot and its resurgence has sent the sparks flying at the bottom of the table.

Fellow struggler Hapoel Kfar Sava will be hoping to reverse its ill fortune of late with a visit to Hapoel Petah Tikva. Just five points now separate the two bottom clubs, so the Kfar Savans cannot afford to lose any further ground to Haifa. The club will have to march on without star player Motti Yeverbaum, injured playing for the Olympic side in Lithuania. The blond striker suffered a severe concussion and had to be hospitalized. He is unlikely to be able to return to Israel until next week.

In the Second Division, Ironi Rishon Lezion remains title favorite, cruising ahead of the pack with a nine-point lead. This weekend, the club visits promotion hopefuls Hapoel Bat Yam. Third-placed Betar Tel Aviv hosts Hakoah Ramat Gan. Hakoah, presently 13th, would be in fifth battling for promotion had it not had 14 points deducted in the bribes scandal which rocked the league last year.

In a development related to the scandal, Hakoah's Ukrainian import Victor Meglintz was found guilty on Monday by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court on three charges of corruption. The player was sentenced to four months community service, to be spent serving at Ramat Gan's Ilan Center for Handicapped Sport.

This weekends' National League soccer fixtures (kickoff 4.30 pm tomorrow unless otherwise stated): Hapoel Tel Aviv vs. Maccabi Haifa, Bloomfield, 6 pm; Maccabi Netanya vs. Maccabi Tel Aviv, Netanya, 4 pm; Betar Jerusalem vs. Hapoel Haifa, Ashdod; Hapoel Holon vs. Hapoel Beersheba, Holon, today 4.30 pm; Bnei Yehuda vs. Maccabi Petah Tikva, Hatikva Quarter, today, 4 pm; Hapoel Petah Tikva vs. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Petah Tikva, today 4 pm; Maccabi Herzliya vs. Ironi Ashdod, Herzliya.

Cowboys gear up for signings minus Johnson

IRVING, Texas (AP) – Recently retired Jimmy Johnson will probably be lounging on his boat "Three Rings" soaking in Florida sunshine when the Dallas Cowboys face Sunday's NFL draft with owner Jerry Jones' finger on the trigger.

With seven free agent losses, Jones needs to hit some bullseyes.

What would Jimmy have done? It's a question that will be hanging in the draft war room air like gunsmoke at Valley Ranch.

Jones, who paid Johnson $2 million to end their feud, has wanted to be in charge in the draft room.

With Johnson out of sight and out of mind, Jones finally has his wish come true.

He talks like he has been a decision maker but anyone familiar with the Cowboys operation knows it was Johnson who wheeled and dealed on draft day with Jones on the sidelines as a cheerleader.

"I'll have to make decisions that Jimmy and I made in the past," Jones said. "But I never thought I wasn't making the call."

But it was Johnson's call in 1990 when he moved up in the draft to get Emmitt Smith when others said the Florida star was too slow and too small. Johnson saw what others missed. Smith's courage and heart which have been on ample display in the last two Super Bowl seasons.

Anyone could have drafted Troy Aikman but Johnson hit on players like offensive tackle Erik Williams, a third round pick from small Central (Ohio) State and seventh-round pick Leon Lett, a rising star at defensive end who played for tiny Emporia (Kansas) State.

New coach Barry Switzer will be in the war room and he said, "I'm here to watch and learn. It wouldn't be reasonable to expect me to know how the game is played."

Switzer has been out of college coaching for five years since he left under a dark cloud at Oklahoma. He's never had a fling as an NFL coach.

The Cowboys need defensive help, particularly in the line where they lost free agents Tony Casillas to Kansas City and Jimmie Jones to the Los Angeles Rams, and at linebacker where Ken Norton is defecting for $8 million to sign with the San Francisco 49ers.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lara set to make English debut

Record-breaking batsman Brian Lara will make his debut in the England county cricket championship next week.

Warwickshire officials said they received clearance for the West Indian star to play in the opening game next Thursday against Glamorgan at Edgbaston. The go-ahead came after Lara was released from a commitment to appear in a six-a-side tournament in India.

Lara set a new Test batting record Monday with his 375 for the West Indies against England in the fifth Test in Antigua, breaking Sir Garfield Sober's 36-year-old record score of 365.

Sampdoria captures Italian Cup

Ruud Gullit's 58th-minute goal sent Sampdoria on its way to a 6-1 rout of second-division Ancona that clinched the Italian Cup for the Genoa club on Wednesday.

The return-leg home triumph at Marassi stadium, celebrated by a sellout crowd of 42,000, gave Sampdoria its fourth title in the annual cup competition. Ancona had been dreaming of an upset after a goalless draw in the first-leg final two weeks earlier.

Schott defies anti-smoking law

Owner Marge Schott says she will continue to puff away in her seat at Cincinnati Reds games in open defiance of the city's anti-smoking law.

The law, which took effect before the season, prohibits smoking in seats at Riverfront Stadium. The Reds remind fans with announcements on the scoreboard before and during their baseball games.

Schott sat in her front-row seat next to the Reds' dugout and smoked during four games of a season-opening homestand. She said no one has complained directly to her, and she sees nothing wrong with smoking in an open-air stadium.

Reds acquire catcher from Astros

The Cincinnati Reds put catcher Joe Oliver on the 15-day disabled list with a swollen ankle and acquired Eddie Taubensee in a trade with Houston to take his roster spot.

The Astros obtained minor league pitchers Rose Powell and Marty Lister for Taubensee, who was their backup catcher.

Baseball strike looms

While it appears the first half of the baseball season won't be interrupted by a strike, players will meet on July 11 – the day before the All-Star Game – to discuss a possible work stoppage.

"I see a 50 percent chance of a strike," Randy Milligan of the Montreal Expos said after union head Donald Fehr announced the meeting of the executive board.

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Stern: NBA adds luster to world hoops scene

JOE HOFFMAN

"YOU can see them up close; there are no caps or helmets to hide their faces, the seats are on the court, the whole thing televises wonderfully, and that," says NBA Commissioner David Stern, "is why basketball enjoys such great popularity."

Stern, who is here to attend the Final Four, is a touch on the modest side because he neglected to mention his accomplishments to a sport that now rivals soccer on a world-wide basis.

Under Stern's stewardship, which began in 1984, the NBA has added teams, raised attendance, increased media contracts and – perhaps most importantly – shed its image problems as a dormant league.

A decade later, there are 27 US teams, with two Canadian franchises about to enter the league, a shared $270-million revenue from network television and a worldwide marketing operation that has the familiar NBA logo dribbling up and down everything from hats and jackets to bookbags and bumper stickers.

As Professor Henry Higgins managed with Eliza Doolittle, Stern, 51, has got the NBA to "talk proper-like."

Stern is credited with introducing salary caps, revenue sharing and drug enforcement to a sport which like pro baseball and football, was threatening to spin out of control with astronomical salaries and substance abuse.

Each team has a maximum that can be doled out to the players, but it is reinforced by revenue sharing, whereby 53 percent of the league's revenues goes to players' salaries.

With the NBA's ever-growing popularity, are there any plans to expand beyond North America?

"Definitely not," says Stern. While the NBA does get involved on a global level with its Olympic Dream Team, a Team America for the World Championships (scheduled for Toronto in August), the McDonald's Open exhibitions and league games abroad (next season's opener will be a LA Clippers-Portland Trail Blazers matchup in Yokohama, Japan), "it is our intention to participate in the international arena, not to dominate it."

Before he succeeded Larry O'Brien as commissioner, Stern, a graduate of Rutgers and Columbia Law School, was chief counsel to the NBA until 1978 and then executive vice president. About his plans for the future, he won't say, except that he hopes to reach 52.

And what about the rumor that he was offered the commissioner's job in baseball? "I have been flattered by other sports," he says with a sly, infectious grin.

TOP BRASS – NBA commissioner David Stern. (Hanoch Guthmann)

Badalona wins Final Four

BRIAN FREEMAN

CORNEY Thompson hit a three-point shot with 17 seconds left to give Joventut Badalona a 59-57 win over Olympiakos Piraeus and its first European Club Championships title last night at Yad Eliayhu.

Badalona's victory was sealed when Olympiakos's Zarko Paspalj missed the front end of a one-and-one with 4.8 seconds left.

The win marked the first title in Europe's premier basketball tournament for Spain since Real Madrid defeated Maccabi Tel Aviv in the 1980 title game. Ironically, Badalona's win comes two years after it lost the 1992 European championship game on a last-second three-point shot to Partizan Belgrade, headed by Badalona's current head coach, Zelko Obradovic.

Olympiakos, cheered on by several thousand fanatic supporters, appeared to be headed to victory when it took a 57-53 lead after holding the Spaniards without a field goal for more than 10 minutes late in the game.

But a Jordi Villacampa three-pointer with just under two minutes left cut the margin to one and the Greeks themselves were unable to score a bucket for the final eight minutes of the contest.

Horrendous free-throw shooting by Olympiakos (12 for 23, 53 percent), a problem that has plagued them throughout the European campaign, proved fatal last night.

In the first half, Olympiakos took control of the game after a shaky start saw three fouls and no points between the two teams in the first 90 seconds.

Although Panayiotis Fassoulas had no points in the first half and Roy Tarpley was held scoreless for the first seven minutes, Paspalj picked up the slack by collecting 15 points.

But Ferran Martinez kept Badalona in the game, as he notched 14 first-half points and five rebounds to take away some of the dominance of the Greeks' big men under the boards.

Mike Smith tied the score at 39-39 as the half ended on a three-pointer, his first basket of the night.

Olympiakos's defeat brought a disappointing end to a European season filled with expectations after their summer signings of Tarpley and Fassoulas.

It was also a bitter pill for head coach Yannis Ioannidis, who also failed to capture the European title in three straight Final Four appearances at the helm of Aris Salonika.

Badalona beat Barcelona to advance to the finals.

Badalona was paced by Matinez's 17 points, Villacampa's 16 and Thompson's 9.

For Olympiakos, Pasaplj notched 15, George Sigalas had 14 and Tarpley pitched in for 12.

In the consolation game, Panathinaikos defeated Barcelona 100-83 in a contest without much defensive intensity.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER – Badalona's Jordi Villacampa (r) passes the ball over the head of George Sigalas of Olympiakos in last night's final. (Reuter)

Hats off to tournament organizers

OPINION / Ori Lewis

THE Final Four – the showcase event of European basketball which ended in Tel Aviv last night – is the most vaunted sports happening which Israel has ever hosted.

The groundwork was laid two years ago by Maccabi Tel Aviv, who, at that time, had every right to believe they would be participants and not just hosts. Nevertheless, they did a magnificent job, and their efforts will live long in the memory of those who attended it.

More than anyone, it was the Greeks who gave the event its spicy flavor. Their non-stop vocal support from the arena was deafening, and, at the same time, exhilarating. The term, *volcano*, so often used by Israeli journalists to describe an encounter by a visiting side against a Greek host, can now be understood by the local fans as more than an idle metaphor.

Greek fans really can make the earth move. They do it by using their tremendous lungs to chant in unison, and it really has an effect on the players.

The red-and-white army of fans from the Olympiakos Piraeus camp and their nemeses, the green-and-white group from Panathinaikos, proved on both nights of play that they can keep their tempers in check.

Helped, of course, by some 1,000 police who did their job to perfection. Tempers were frayed the first night, when the two Greek clubs clashed in what was expected to be a battle fought to the death both on and off the court. Tel Aviv's Finest, with the help of some pretty intimidating attire, kept the peace without having to raise a single baton. The dreaded Drachma – the Greek fans' missile of choice – was kept deep in the pockets.

The police made body searches on each of the 3,000 Greek fans, and their fearsome reputation stood them in good stead for the occasion.

For the journalists, the press facilities on site are certainly the best ever made available in this country. Some 400 TV, radio, and press journalists attended the event. There was adequate room for everybody in a state-of-the-art press enclosure with superb communications facilities and refreshments to ease the burden of unbending deadlines.

The Final Four was relayed to 17 countries live via satellite. The TV crews were also the most advanced ever seen here, with ITV borrowing extra equipment from Germany to meet the very exacting demands of the European Broadcasting Union.

The only disappointing aspect, from the viewpoint of the organizers, was the low local attendance. The Greek and Spanish fans made enough noise to fill Yad Eliyahu five times over, but the price of tickets for local fans was prohibitive. With tickets ranging from $70 to $150 for both nights, coupled with the lack of an Israeli team, it is easy to understand why some of the seat remained empty.

The event cost Maccabi Tel Aviv $2 million to stage. It was money well spent and helped to keep Israel on the world sports map as a first-rate venue.

In a fitting turnabout to Murphy's Law, everything that should have gone right, did: Everyone went home happy, savoring an event that will be remembered for a long time.

Battle of Manchester will be United's or City's Waterloo

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STAND by for the Battle of Manchester tomorrow. That's when United and City come face to face at Old Trafford in one of the most important derbys between the teams in recent times.

United needs the points to keep its championship hopes alive, and City must insure Premier League safety.

United, which needed two bites of the cherry in their FA Cup semifinal with Oldham, has had a touch of the jitters over the past few weeks, and must be thanking its lucky stars that last weekend's defeat at Wimbledon coincided with Blackburn Rovers' demise at Southampton.

The outcome of those matches left the two title rivals level at the top of the league on 79 points. United does have a game in hand, but on recent performances there's no guarantee they will make this work to their advantage.

Already without French striker Eric Cantona through suspension, United's Danish International goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel could be sidelined for the clash with City. Schmeichel is nursing an ankle injury that ruled him out of Denmark's friendly against Hungary last night.

Blackburn isn't in action until Sunday when they entertain Queens Park Rangers at Ewood Park.

In front of their home supporters, Rovers has been almost invincible this season, but it will be interesting to see how they react to last week's surprise defeat on the south coast. Neither Manchester United nor Blackburn Rovers can afford any slip, no matter how small, at this late stage of the season.

After this weekend, United faces a hectic four matches in nine days, and Blackburn, three in 10 days.

United will be on the other side of the Pennines, away to Leeds, followed by Ipswich (A), Southampton (H), and Coventry (H). Rovers will sign off against West Ham (A), Coventry (A) and Ipswich (H). What is it they say about the last mile being the longest?

Arsenal missed a chance of climbing into third-place above Newcastle when they were held to a one-draw by Wimbledon at Highbury the other night.

Then there is the scramble for Premier League survival. Apart from bottom team Swindon, which would need divine intervention to keep them in the top flight, no fewer than six teams are jostling to avoid the drop along with the Wiltshire Club. Two of these can be termed the 'Big Boys' of English soccer, Everton and Tottenham; the others being Sheffield United, Oldham and Southampton.

By tomorrow night, the picture could become a little clearer. It's a crucial week for all the Premier League strugglers, but no more so than for Tottenham which, despite having Wednesday's game at Oldham called off because of a waterlogged ground, faces a dog-eat-dog battle at home to Southampton tomorrow.

In the First Division, Crystal Palace has already booked a swift return to the Premier League. Nottingham Forest which came down with the Selhurst Park Club twelve months ago, looks certain to join them in the other automatic promotion slot. After that, your guess is as good as mine, with seven teams vying for the four playoff places which will culminate in the third promotion place.

Shaq shoots for scoring crown with 53

ORLANDO (AP) – Shaquille O'Neal, taking aim at the NBA scoring title, scored a season-high 53 points Wednesday night, leading the Orlando Magic to a 121-101 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

O'Neal began the night trailing San Antonio's David Robinson by .3 points for the league's top scoring average. He had 34 in the first half and his career-high and franchise-record performance moved him into first place with a 29.34 average with two games left in the regular season.

Robinson, who had the previous league high of 50, also against Minnesota, is averaging 29.27.

O'Neal, who sat out the last 9:13 of the game, made 22 of 31 shots, nine of 13 free throws and had 18 rebounds.

Isaiah Rider led Minnesota, which has lost eight consecutive games, with 28 points. Chuck Person had 17, while Christian Laettner missed his first nine shots from the field and finished with six points on 2-for-13 shooting.

SuperSonics 112, Lakers 90

Vincent Askew scored six of his 15 points in an 11-0 run midway through the fourth quarter as the Seattle SuperSonics clinched the league's best record.

Shawn Kemp scored 23 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Sonics, who completed their first ever season sweep against the Lakers.

Ricky Pierce scored 22 points and Detlef Schrempf added 18 for Seattle, which has won 15 of its last 17 games.

Sedale Threatt scored 28 points to pace Los Angeles, which has lost a season-high eight straight games.

Hornets 117, Bullets 111

Dell Curry scored eight points in a decisive 9-0 run in the final minutes as host Charlotte kept its playoff hopes alive.

The Hornets still trail Miami by 1½ games in the race for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot. A Charlotte loss in its last three games or a victory by the Heat in the last two will give the spot to Miami.

Against the Bullets, the Hornets were behind 109-101 before a free throw by Alonzo Mourning, who had 25 points and 12 rebounds, started the comeback. Curry's 3-pointer made it 109-105 with 3:17 left, and he closed Charlotte to 106-108 with another 3-point shot.

Muggsy Bogues, who had 14 assists, then stole the ball from Brent Price and passed to Curry for a dunk, giving the Hornets a 110-109 lead with 2:40 to go.

Calbert Cheaney responded with a long jumper for Washington, but Larry Johnson and Hersey Hawkins made consecutive baskets for a 114-111 Charlotte lead. Bogues iced the game with two free throws with 15 seconds left.

Tom Gugliotta scored 27 points for the Bullets.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS:
Orlando 121, Minnesota 101
Charlotte 117, Washington 111
Indiana 109, Cleveland 98
Milwaukee 103, Detroit 78
Denver 100, LA Clippers 85
Seattle 112, LA Lakers 90

Houston keeps Cubs winless at Wrigley

CHICAGO (AP) – Jeff Bagwell drove in four runs and Craig Biggio had four hits Wednesday as the Houston Astros kept the Cubs winless at Wrigley Field in Chicago this season, beating them 7-5.

Chicago's eighth straight home loss to open the season ties a club record set in 1957.

The Astros scored two runs in the eighth off Jose Bautista (0-1) with the aid of a throwing error and sent the Cubs to their sixth straight loss overall and 10th in 13 games.

Tom Edens (2-0) got the victory in relief, and Mitch Williams pitched the ninth for his third save.

Cardinals 8, Braves 3

The host Braves lost consecutive games for the first time since last August, allowing a three-run homer to Todd Zeile and a two-run drive to Ray Lankford.

The Braves had gone 54 games without consecutive losses – winning 30 of their final 39 games last season and 13 of their first 14 this year before losing to St. Louis 5-4 on Tuesday night.

Bob Tewksbury (4-0) became the NL's first four-game winner, allowing eight hits in his first complete game since last September 7.

Expos 4, Padres 2

Jeff Fassero (1-1) allowed two hits in 7⅔ innings and struck out eight to win for the first time in four starts this season, and Moises Alou went 3-for-4 in San Diego.

Mel Rojas got his first save, escaping a bases loaded, two-out jam in the ninth when Brad Ausmus was thrown out off third by shortstop Wil Cordero following Billy Bean's fielder's choice grounder to second.

Scott Sanders (1-2) struck out a career-high seven, but allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings.

Dodgers 6, Mets 5

Brett Butler tied a career high with five hits, blooping a bases-loaded single over a drawn-in infield in the bottom of the 11th.

Jose Offerman doubled off Dave Telgheder (0-1), pinch-hitter Mitch Webster was walked intentionally and Offerman was safe at third when Telgheder tried for the force on a bunt by Delino DeShields. Butler then singled off Doug Linton for the fourth five-hit game of his career.

Todd Worrell (2-1) pitched two innings of one-hit relief.

Giants 5, Phillies 4

Barry Bonds hit a two-run single in the fifth inning and threw out a runner at the plate in the sixth.

Philadelphia's shaky defense helped the Giants break a 2-2 tie in the fifth against Jeff Juden (1-2). With two on, third baseman Dave Hollins mishandled two grounders, allowing one run to score and loading the bases for Bonds, whose line drive to right made it 5-2.

Reds 5, Pirates 4

Pittsburgh remained the major leagues' only winless road team as Hal Morris drove in five runs, matching his career high. Morris drove in three runs off Paul Wagner (1-2), then singled home two go-ahead runs in the seventh off Jeff Ballard.

Pittsburgh is 0-5 on the road and has been outscored 27-7. The Pirates are having an especially hard time at Riverfront Stadium, losing seven of their last eight.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Red Sox 2, A's 0

Roger Clemens threw his first shutout in nearly a year, holding the visiting Athletics to two hits and striking out 10.

Scott Cooper's sacrifice fly in the seventh ended a scoreless battle between Clemens and Steve Karsay (1-1), and John Valentin followed two pitches later with a homer over the left-field wall for Boston's second run.

It was the second straight strong game for Clemens (2-0), who allowed one run in eight innings against Chicago last Friday. His previous shutout was last May 11 at Baltimore.

Clemens, who owns 36 career shutouts, whiffed six of the first nine batters he faced, striking out the side in the second, the 83rd time he has done that.

Yankees 7, Mariners 4

New York, frustrated by Randy Johnson for seven innings, broke through for four runs in the bottom of the eighth against Bobby Ayala (1-1), helped by two misplayed bunts, three walks and an error by shortstop Felix Fermin.

A walk to pinch-hitter Wade Boggs tied the score, and consecutive sacrifice flys by Randy Velarde and Jim Leyritz made it 6-4.

Jeff Reardon (1-0) pitched one inning, and Xavier Hernandez retired Darren Bragg on a first-pitch grounder with the bases loaded for his second save.

Angels 8, Orioles 2

Dwight Smith hit a two-run single in a six-run ninth inning as Mike Mussina (3-1) and Alan Mills were roughed up. Mills has allowed six hits, a walk and a sacrifice fly to his last eight batters and all seven runners scored.

Mark Leiter (2-0) gave up six hits, walked one and struck out six in eight innings.

Blue Jays 4, Rangers 3

Pat Borders hit a two-out single in the bottom of the 11th as host Toronto won its fourth straight and sent Texas to its fourth consecutive loss.

John Olerud and Carlos Delgado worked Tom Henke (1-1) for consecutive one-out walks before Ed Sprague bounced into a fielder's choice, sending Olerud to third. Borders followed with a liner to right center, to seal the game.

Todd Stottlemyre (2-0) allowed one hit over 3⅔ innings.

White Sox 8, Brewers 6

Julio Franco singled home the go-ahead run off Graeme Lloyd (0-1) in the 12th inning in Milwaukee.

Tim Raines had three singles and walked four times for Chicago, tying an AL record by reaching base seven times in a game without making an out. Cesar Gutierrez of the Detroit Tigers did it in June 1970.

Roberto Hernandez (1-0) pitched three innings.

Royals 11, Tigers 6

Gary Gaetti hit two home runs and tied a career high with six RBIs as the visiting Royals won for the sixth time in seven games.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	13	3	.813	–
New York	8	6	.571	4
Phoenix	7	8	.467	5½
Philadelphia	7	8	.467	5½
Montreal	6	9	.400	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	9	4	.692	–
St. Louis	9	5	.643	½
Houston	8	6	.571	1½
Pittsburgh	6	7	.462	3
Chicago	3	10	.231	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	9	6	.600	–
Colorado	7	7	.500	1½
Los Angeles	6	9	.400	3
San Diego	3	13	.188	6½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	10	5	.667	–
Boston	9	5	.643	½
Baltimore	8	5	.615	1
New York	7	6	.538	2
Detroit	5	10	.333	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	9	5	.643	–
Cleveland	7	5	.583	1
Kansas City	7	6	.538	1½
Milwaukee	6	7	.462	2½
Minnesota	5	10	.333	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	7	7	.500	–
California	7	8	.467	½
Seattle	5	8	.385	1½
Texas	4	9	.308	2½

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Leafs, Stars complete home-ice playoff sweeps

TORONTO (AP) – The Toronto Maple Leafs and Dallas Stars completed home-ice sweeps in the NHL playoffs. The Detroit Red Wings and Calgary Flames got even in theirs.

With Felix Potvin outdueling Ed Belfour in a brilliant goaltending battle, the Maple Leafs beat the Chicago Blackhawks 1-0 in overtime Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in their best-of-7 Western Conference series.

The Stars got two goals from Mike Modano and a strong goaltending performance from Darcy Wakaluk to beat the St. Louis Blues for the second straight time, 4-2.

Meanwhile, Detroit and Calgary tied their series at a game apiece as the Western Conference teams completed their first two games before moving on to the next city. The Red Wings beat San Jose 4-0 and the Flames defeated Vancouver 7-5.

Games 3 and 4 will be played tomorrow and Sunday in Chicago.

Stars 4, Blues 2

Mike Modano scored his second goal of the night 2:28 into the third period as the Stars beat the Blues.

Modano slid a rebound under Curtis Joseph 2:58 to break a 2-2 tie. Dave Gagner scored the capping goal with 10.1 seconds left, shooting into an empty net despite a diving block by Phil Housley.

The series returns to St. Louis on tonight with the Blues still trying to figure out how to beat Wakaluk, who won for the second time as veteran Andy Moog watched from the Stars' bench.

Red Wings 4, Sharks 0

Rookie goaltender Chris Osgood, making his first appearance in an NHL playoff game, made 22 saves as the Red Wings defeated the Sharks

It was the first playoff shutout by a rookie Detroit goalie since Terry Sawchuk blanked Montreal in March 1951. But it was Osgood's second shutout of the Sharks this season.

The series shifts to San Jose for Games 3, 4 and 5 today, tomorrow and Tuesday.

Flames 7, Canucks 5

Al MacInnis had two goals and three assists and Joe Nieuwendyk scored twice as the Flames beat the Canucks.

MacInnis' five points set a Flames record for points in a playoff game. Jeff Brown, Trevor Linden, Geoff Courtnall, Cliff Ronning and Martin Gelinas scored for the Canucks, who return home for the series' next two games today and Sunday.

CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Islanders-Rangers, Rangers lead 2-0
Pittsburgh-Washington, tied 1-1
New Jersey-Buffalo, tied 1-1
Montreal-Boston, tied 1-1

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Detroit-San Jose, tied 1-1
Vancouver-Calgary, Vancouver leads 1-0
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PM: Ramon list may hurt peace process

MICHAL YUDELMAN

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday attacked the list formed by MK Haim Ramon, warning that it might damage the peace process and the government's functioning.

Speaking at a meeting of the United Kibbutz Movement at Ramat Efal yesterday, Rabin said, "There are moves which may at first seem as motivated by sincere intentions. But very often the road to hell is paved with the best of intentions. I tell you, there is a dangerous potential buried here, because Labor was removed from power by the Democratic Movement for Change. Take this as a warning."

The Democratic Movement for Change list, which included several people who had broken away from the Labor Party, won 15 seats in 1977 and contributed to Labor's ouster from power.

Labor's campaign chiefs decided yesterday morning to stop attacking Ramon and concentrate on Histadrut issues while enabling the government to focus on moving the peace process.

But at a support gathering of union leaders and works committees, Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld said that "on no account and in no circumstances will there be a coalition with Ramon and his bunch."

Haberfeld said that he is a "field person" and that the workers are the only public he feels comfortable in. "I grew up from below and don't aspire to reach any place except the job in which I can represent and fight for the workers," he said.

Ministers Ya'acov Tsur and Uzi Baram attended the meeting and spoke in support of Haberfeld. Baram said that "the battle is not Haberfeld against Ramon but between the Labor Party and a group that never cared about the Histadrut and never indicated the slightest concern for its fate, or the lot of the workers."

A sharp confrontation culminating in a brawl erupted yesterday between a group of young Labor activists standing with posters outside the UKM meeting at Efal, and a group of Ramon supporters who came and stood next to them.

Meanwhile, Ramon, Amir Peretz and Shmuel Avital were officially ousted from Labor ranks for quitting the party and forming their own Histadrut elections list. Their expulsion letters were signed and mailed to them yesterday by Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli.

While Ramon has said that 300 to 400 Labor members had joined his ranks, a scrutiny of the list he presented to the Histadrut elections committee revealed only 14, including the three MKs themselves, according to Ofir Pines, the manager of Labor's Histadrut campaign.

Some who have been contacted have denied having any connection with Ramon's list, Pines said.

Labor backers and Ramon supporters argue at Ramat Efal, where PM Rabin addressed a UKM meeting. (Ilan Ossendriver/Israel Sun)

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Before World War II, there were about 120,000 Jews living in Slovakia. Some 90,000 of them died in the Holocaust and approximately 3,000 are still living there, mostly in the capital of Bratislava.

Slovakia's depleted Jewish community is drawing up a list of more than 300 properties, including synagogues turned into grain stores under Communist rule, which it seeks to reclaim.

In addition to Hungary and Slovakia, the World Jewish Restitution Organization is negotiating for the return of Jewish property with Poland and Ukraine.

Yehoshua Matza elected first chairman of Likud secretariat

SARAH HONIG

THE Likud secretariat last night elected MK Yehoshua Matza as its chairman, thus ending the year-long process of overhauling the party's structure, electing new party forums and choosing major office holders.

Matza was the candidate backed by party chairman Binyamin Netanyahu. He defeated MK Michael Eitan by 28 to 22 votes.

The secretariat, elected in February, is a supervisory body, whose task is to oversee party operations and the activities of the party chairman.

There was no vigorous campaigning for the post and no factional infighting. The quip heard in Likud headquarters prior to the vote was that whoever won, the new chairman would be bald.

Ramon-Meretz list not approved

MICHAL YUDELMAN

HAIM Ramon's list for the May 10 Histadrut elections was rejected by the general elections committee yesterday because it lacked the required signatures of 5,000 supporters. However, the committee, headed by retired Judge Shaul Aloni, gave the list until Monday to produce the required names and a NIS 20,000 deposit.

The list's leaders appealed the committee's decision to the Histadrut's National Judiciary Authority, which scheduled a hearing for 9 a.m. this morning.

The Ramon-Meretz list will be represented by attorneys Yaron Kedar and MK Avraham Poraz. At the same time, Ramon's campaign staff has begun collecting the required signatures.

The elections committee also rejected the list's name "New Life for the Histadrut" because Haim (life in Hebrew) is also Ramon's first name.

The committee maintained that the name and the list's ballot slip designation "Ramon," constitute propaganda since the list is not a personal one.

The committee, on which Labor has a majority, also discussed whether the Ramon-Meretz list was indeed a new one, or merely a combination of existing lists. The members voted 15-9 that the list is new, noting, however, that if the list renounces the new name and adopts the name of Mapam or the Citizens Rights Movement, then it would be considered as already existing.

Following the decision, Ramon accused the committee of being politically biased. His staff said it had sent a letter to Aloni at the beginning of the week, advising him that the Mapam and CRM lists would assume a new name.

Aloni admitted he had forgotten to update the committee members and suggested taking this into consideration; but the committee voted against it. Aloni then ruled that the new list must provide the necessary signatures names and deposit by Monday.

Economic talks reach impasse on import policy

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE economic talks with the PLO in Paris have come to a standstill, as understandings on a common import and customs policy have broken down, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat reported yesterday.

Despite Shohat's optimistic assessment at the beginning of the week that an agreement could be reached by the weekend, the sides locked horns on the Palestinian demand to exempt a large number of imports from the high tariffs Israel imposes.

Israel also rejected a Palestinian demand to open the autonomous areas to exports from Arab countries. Israel has agreed to allow limited imports to insure that those goods are only destined to meet local needs.

Shohat said that the Palestinians are demanding to double the amount of goods with lower tariffs than Israel's. "A request of such large proportion poses a great threat to Israeli imports," he said.

To keep Israel's markets open to the autonomous areas, all but a special list of imported goods vital to Palestinian economic development would be subject to the same tariffs existing in Israel.

The Palestinians are pushing for lower tariffs on some consumer goods to pass on to territory residents concrete benefits from self-rule.

Beilin: We have great potential for trade with Gulf states

Jerusalem Post Staff

THERE is great potential for trade with the Gulf states, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said yesterday upon his return from the multilateral talks on water in Oman.

Beilin said Israel could work in tandem with the Gulf economies much easier than with those of its neighbors.

"There is the possibility that the economic ties of Israel will be much more intensive with the Gulf states than with our neighboring countries," Beilin told reporters.

Beilin said Israel could send the Gulf states agriculture and industrial products and medical equipment or expertise, as well as help them with water conservation and other development issues. In return, Israel could import some industrial products in addition to oil and other natural resources.

Beilin said political ties would not come until Israel made peace with its Arab neighbors, especially Syria, but economic ties were not hinged to that.

He noted that the opening with Oman was echoed by other Gulf states in the multilateral talks.

Future multilateral talks include a session on arms control to be held in Qatar and on the environment in Bahrain.

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Sultan Qaboos's state is rich, clean and punctual

Omanis are more interested in cricket and camel races than in the Palestinian question, Liat Collins reports from Muscat

FRANKINCENSE, the traditional Omani fragrance which once wafted through ancient temples and palaces, today infuses its heady aroma in modern Muscat hotels.

A symbol of both tradition and modernity, the perfumed resin, once carried as a gift by the Queen of Sheba, is today a major export and the souvenir most often taken home by tourists.

The wealth and newness of today's Oman are striking. Although the Arabs who took over the country some 2,000 years ago found a thriving civilization, the country looks like it was built only yesterday – in Legoland.

Most of the construction is post-1970, when Sultan Qaboos Bin Said al Said deposed his father in a bloodless coup and brought the Omani people swiftly to modernity.

Now, this modern approach even extends to Oman's thawing relations with Israel, proven by the first official visit to a Gulf state to talk about regional water problems.

Israelis will appreciate that although it is not impossible to build roads, schools, hospitals and a nationwide electric grid in 20 years, producing squalorless towns with a great deal of charm to replace tent encampments is a major achievement.

The Omani people are genuinely grateful to Sultan Qaboos, who rules by what can be described as benevolent dictatorship.

Pictures of his handsome bearded face hang on most office walls, shopping malls and schools, but unlike many totalitarian leaders, his penetrating eyes do not gaze down on the tree-lined highways or beautifully maintained parks. Instead of statues of the sultan, you find models of Arabian horses, white oryx and rare birds.

Despite a national environment education program which has turned Oman into a country cleaner than Switzerland, it is still definitely part of the Middle East.

Few women can be seen on the streets.

Fewer still allow visitors to take their photos in this Moslem country.

Nearly all Omani men wear the traditional plain, pale, cotton robes. Their idea of formal dress is wearing an ornate silver embroidered belt, whose primary use is to carry the exquisite, silver, rounded daggers, but which younger men also use to hang their beepers or sunglasses.

The men's heads are covered by either the formal turban-like wrapping called a *masar* or an embroidered fez-like hat, an *abama*. Peering out from under the headdress, each face tells of a different part of Omani history. The Negroid features of many are a reminder of the slave trade and Omani rule in parts of East Africa. Semitic faces show Arab descent, while many others have their origins on the Indian subcontinent just across the waters.

"The variety is part of the beauty of the Omani people. We have always traveled and still enjoy traveling," says Abdalla Al-Lamki, a sound technician. "Omanis like meeting people and get on with anyone."

Anyone includes, it seems, Israelis. At the local fish market, leather-faced old vendors and barefoot children quickly get over their initial surprise at meeting Israelis and welcome the visitors, regardless of official differences.

Somewhere between the sharks and the shrimps, businessman Ali Hassan finds an Israeli journalist and initiates conversation. Business cards and pleasantries are exchanged. "I heard about your visit [in the local press]. No, you are not the first Israelis I've met. I've met them sometimes in New York, Amsterdam and London," Hassan says, adding with a note of surprise, "though I didn't think there were so many of you."

In a country of 1.5 million native residents, the arrival of more than 40 Israelis seems like an invasion. Mutual stereotypes, however, are quickly broken. Whether out of politeness or indifference, there are no discussions of politics. "We don't really care much for these things. His Excellency the Sultan looks after all that and the people trust him to handle it with Allah's help. We are far more concerned with getting rich, looking after the family and going on holiday," says Muhammad Rashid, a government clerk.

Discussions over the mellow Omani coffee are more likely to focus on local sports – soccer, field hockey and camel racing – than the problems of the Palestinians. "Politics just ruins things," says teacher Abdalla Fawzi.

Off the record, however, some admit that the threat of Iranian fundamentalism crossing the narrow Gulf of Oman does impinge now and again. "There was once a problem with a few fundamentalists but it was dealt with quickly and quietly, so we're pleased about that," says one government employee.

Military service is not compulsory. But a small standing force – much influenced by the sultan's own training at Britain's Sandhurst military academy – is well equipped.

With no reserve forces, what do the Omanis do in an emergency? Al-Lamki pauses, before giving the least likely answer in the Middle East: "Actually, Madam, I don't think we have emergencies here."

It is not a completely accurate picture. Tension still exists with Yemen to the south and the Saudis to the west. Western invasions also occurred throughout history with both the Portuguese and British controlling the eastern entrance to Araby. The Portuguese invasion is still resented: "Did you know that Vasco de Gama was guided by an Omani navigator, Ahmad bin Majid? And then a few years later they came and sacked Muscat," says Mohammed Nagib, from the Ministry of Information.

The British, on the other hand, left behind a love of cricket, aristocratic living – and punctuality. Perhaps one of the most incongruous sights of all is the clock set in the elaborate gold and green minarets of many mosques, a reminder of the church clock towers of distant lands and times.

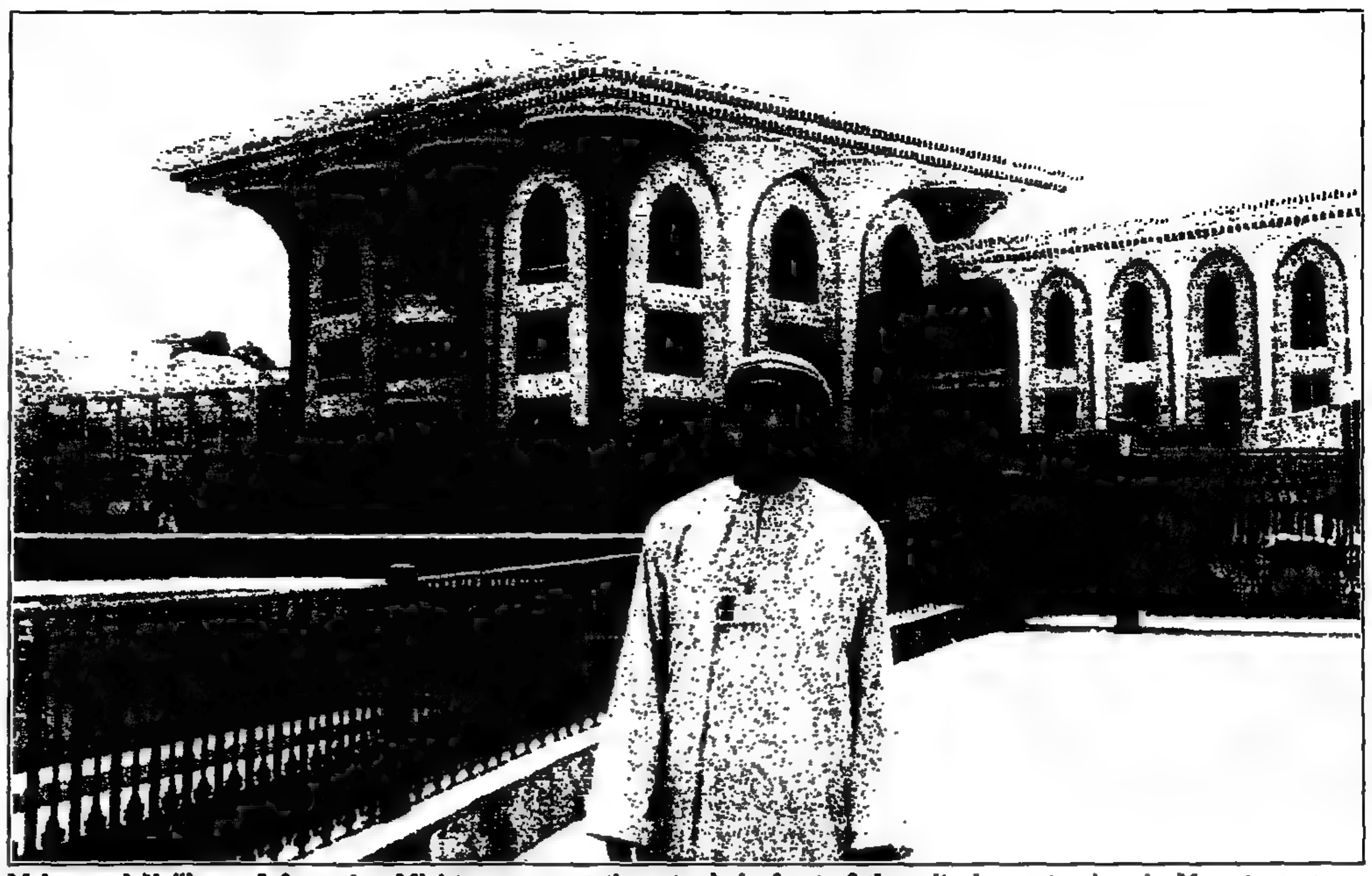
The mosques themselves are everywhere, but visitors are not disturbed by the soft calls of the muezzin or overt religiosity. Omanis practice a brand of Islam called Ibadiyya. They keep it low-key, a gentle background to the relaxed way of life.

And it is a good life – apart from the weather, described by one western diplomat as: "The worst I've experienced in summer, the best in winter." Stores, nearly all run by Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis, are full of the latest electronic equipment, children's toys and women's colorful clothing. But it is expensive. In a sign of the times, a bottle of mineral water costs much more than the equivalent amount of oil.

Omani officials repeat their fears for the post-oil era as oil prices are already dropping and there are enough reserves for only the next 15 to 20 years. One solution already at an advanced stage is replacing the foreign workers with native Omanis. Another is encouraging new industries like tourism.

The clean beaches, coral reefs, splendid mountains and general exotica could attract large numbers of Westerners. But hoteliers and tourist officials say they are looking for quality, not quantity. "This is not the place for Britain's lager louts," says an English-trained hotelier, at the Sohar beach resort.

The man on the street has a different approach to the future: "We trust in Allah and the Sultan," says Ali Hassan. "There will always be business, trade and industry because Allah will guide His Excellency and make him do the right thing for the people."



Mohammed Najib, an Information Ministry representative, stands in front of the sultan's guest palace in Muscat. (Liat Collins)

Novelty appeal

STEREOTYPES were shattered on both sides when Israeli journalists accompanied a Foreign Ministry visit to Oman for multilateral talks on water. But the one that wasn't broken was the status of women in Moslem society.

Being the only female Israeli reporter on a visit to a Moslem country gives a woman a certain novelty appeal. It starts at the hotel check-in when the clerk can't believe that a journalist assumed to be a "Mr" is really a "Ms." It continues with the protective attitude of the hosts, already frantically guarding the group in a country still considered hostile.

Oman is very proud of the fact that since the present sultan took power in 1970, the status of women has improved dramatically – women make up nearly half the university population and girls attend schools just like their brothers. There are female teachers, nurses, policewomen and secretaries, but you don't see them out.

While Western women can walk around freely as long as their shoulders and legs are covered, the few local women on the street dress in colorful robes and keep their heads – and sometimes their faces – hidden. Even on the beaches.

A sign in a poolside changing room reads: "In deference to Islamic feelings, please refrain from standing completely undressed." Travel advisories warn the Western visitor not to take pictures of women without prior permission and to dress particularly conservatively during Ramadan.

The few women that this visitor met – ministry secretaries and policewomen – all insisted that life is good. They giggled a lot, wanted constant confirmation that Israeli women serve in the army and found it hard to imagine being a single adult. "But we only marry for love. Gone are the days when we could be married off. We can marry anyone we want," said a Foreign Ministry secretary, "as long as he's in our social class."

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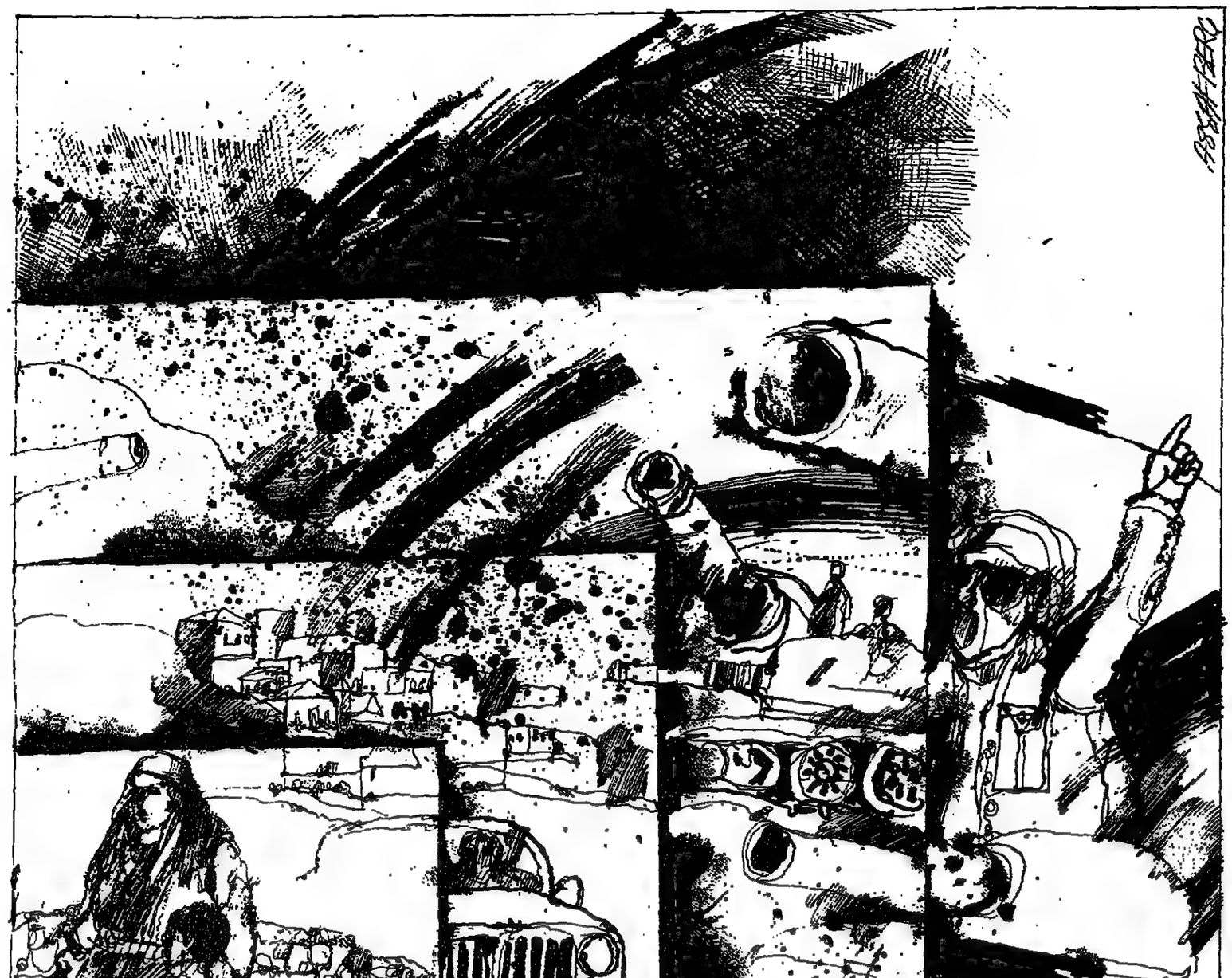


Anatomy of a massacre that wasn't

Syrian-backed Hizbullah invented a story about five cold-blooded murders to disrupt the status quo and help get Israel out of Lebanon, **Alon Pinkas** writes

INITIAL reports said a massacre had occurred last Friday in the village of Aramta in southern Lebanon.

Later, the day was changed to Thursday.

Early this week, news reports from Beirut listed the names of five civilians murdered by the South Lebanon Army.

But the names were five of six Hizbullah men killed in an SLA bombing in Sidon on Thursday. There was no "massacre."

The Syrian-backed Hizbullah fabricated the story in order to disrupt the status quo and get Israel out of southern Lebanon, according to IDF officers who monitor Lebanon.

THE MEDIA attack began on Friday.

News reports quoted villagers from Aramta as saying that SLA militiamen, led by Major Assaad Nasr, broke into houses and gunned down at least five elderly residents in cold blood.

Saturday morning Lebanese television and radio began broadcasting the story about a massacre in Aramta.

The once-thriving Lebanese media, which during the 1960s and early 1970s set the standard for a free press in the Arab world, are now under total Syrian control. *A-Nahar*, the Beirut newspaper which in the past operated according to Western journalistic standards, now appears to be the younger brother of *Tishrin*, the official Syrian news organ.

"The problem," says Uri Lubrani, coordinator of Israel's activities in Lebanon, "is that villagers are likely to believe these ludicrous reports."

What actually happened on the day of the phony massacre in the small village located in the central sector of the Security Zone was bloody enough.

At exactly 11 a.m., an explosion shattered the windows of homes and stores on the main street of the village. A bomb placed against a stone wall in the center of the village was detonated by remote control.

The bomber maintained a line of vision with the cardboard-covered bomb. He patiently waited as two SLA jeeps drove by. Just before 11, a woman and her son stopped for a rest several meters from the wall.

A white Mercedes passed inches from the bomb. With the antenna directed at the Mercedes, the bomber pressed a button and detonated the charge. The Mercedes was hit by shrapnel and ricocheting rocks, but only its paint-job was damaged.

The woman and her son were wounded.

In Beirut, Hizbullah issued a public statement claiming responsibility for the attack.

AT 4:15 p.m. that afternoon, the "Darak," the Lebanese police, asked the SLA's permission to enter Aramta.

The police wanted to examine the site of the bombing. The SLA agreed.

The police officers were accompanied by an SLA battalion commander, as well as village-council members.

At precisely 5:30 p.m. a second, more powerful blast killed six people in the entourage: the SLA battalion commander, two of his soldiers, two Lebanese policemen and a civilian. Eight others were injured.

The battalion commander, Maj. Assaad Nasr, had lost both of his brothers, also battalion commanders, in previous encounters with Hizbullah.

The SLA – which is 48 percent Christian, with the majority being Shi'ite Moslems and Druse, according to military sources – responded fiercely with an artillery attack.

IDF NORTHERN Command officers characterized it as an angry and emotional outburst after months of frustration. One of the prime targets was the port town of Sidon.

Six Lebanese civilians were killed and many more wounded there.

"They temporarily lost their remarkable and commendable restraint," Lubrani said.

"That bombardment, while we do not condone it, is an exception to the rule, an aberration."

Shelling heavily populated Sidon was a clear violation of the July 1993 understandings with Israel, the SLA and Hizbullah. The SLA knew it, the IDF acknowledged the violation – and Hizbullah was satisfied.

Hizbullah had set a trap for the SLA to ostensibly violate the agreement so the terrorist organization could say it was temporarily not bound by it.

The July 1993 understanding, brokered by the US, said that the SLA and Israel would not target civilians and Hizbullah would not fire rockets into northern Galilee.

At about 1:30 a.m. Friday, Hizbullah launched Katyusha rockets aimed at Galilee.

The IDF registered five or six rockets falling in open fields east of Kiryat Shmona.

When three rockets fell 4½ km. east of Rosh Hanikra later that afternoon, the Northern Command asked Israeli civilians to go into shelters.

THE PURPOSE of Syria's current policy is to harass Israel in order to get more leverage in the peace talks, Lubrani said – a view shared by the army's intelligence branch as well as by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Syria controls Hizbullah and could, as has been demonstrated on previous occasions, restrain and prevent the Shi'ite organization's military activities.

Hizbullah is an efficient proxy which gets all its equipment through Damascus, Lubrani said.

"These [July 1993] understandings weakened the SLA," said Yossi Olmert, an expert on Syria and head of the Government Press Office during the Shamir government.

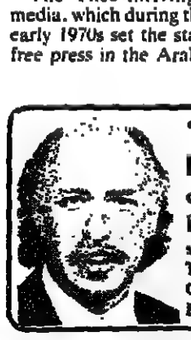
"Essentially Israel said to Hizbullah: 'You can shoot at the SLA, but not at us.'

"Nobody likes to be treated as cannon fodder. Uri Lubrani deserves all the credit in the world for personally taking care of the security zone and the SLA, which we must devotedly keep on supporting until peace."

Lubrani said the SLA soldiers believe the public has a misconception about them.

"They believe that they are perceived as a warmongering Lebanese gang on the loose," he said.

In fact, military sources say privately, every SLA soldier who is killed is potentially an IDF soldier who could have died instead.



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Handle this package with care

The 'American package' of weapons purchases and possibly the prepositioning of US forces here may prove to be a Pandora's box, **Dore Gold** writes

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin admits he is willing to risk a deeper withdrawal on the Golan Heights than the IDF General Staff has recommended.

According to news reports, Rabin felt whatever their strategic logic, the IDF proposals were not politically realistic, given the Syrian position.

The one area where they have no disagreement is the need to formulate an "American package" to offset Israeli risks in any kind of withdrawal from the Golan Heights. Here also, the Rabin government and the IDF will have to be careful about judging whether such compensatory packages are realistic.

Their problem will not be accurately reading Damascus as much as getting a picture of what is feasible in Washington.

The content of this American package is something of a mystery. During Congressional hearings on April 13, Lee Hamilton, the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, asked Dan Kurtzer, the deputy assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs, if he had any idea of what those two words meant.

Kurtzer said he didn't know whether Israel would be seeking more aid.

Details of IDF thinking about the American package were leaked to *Ha'aretz* on April 17. Israel would not necessarily be seeking an expansion of US military aid beyond the current $1.8 billion annual level. Total American aid has been about $3b. for more than half a decade.

Israel might seek a substantial expansion of the prepositioning of American equipment and munitions or the stationing of maritime ships near the coastline. The government would also seek more sophisticated American weaponry as well as better access to US warning and intelligence systems.

THE IDEA of obtaining American compensation for territorial concessions has been built into the peace process for years. During Rabin's first tenure as prime minister, he managed to double US aid to Israel from $973 million in 1974 to $2 billion in 1975, as a result of the Sinai II pullback.

The Begin government continued this trend with the Camp David Accords and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. US aid was increased by 50 percent, from $1.97 billion in 1978 to $2.92 billion in 1980.

Last September, just one day after the Israeli-PLO Declaration of Principles was signed, Senator Patrick Leahy, the influential chairman of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, told National Public Radio that he was doubtful about future American aid increases as a result of the peace process.

"I would only note that we're already spending $5 billion for the Camp David countries. Actually, it's considerably more than $5 billion if everything else was put in. The American taxpayers cannot spend more money in the Middle East," Leahy said.

With this kind of budgetary environment in Washington, the Rabin government faces serious difficulties in coming up with an American package for the Golan that can work. Even if Leahy is wrong and new aid can be found for an initial peace package, it is doubtful that an increased aid level can be sustained, as was the case in the 1970s.

THE SEARCH for an American package that might be acceptable has led to a number of innovations that by no means fully address this country's future needs.

For example, instead of relying on increased military aid to compensate for territorial risks, Israel has turned to procuring excess, used military equipment that is being drawn from American stocks in Europe as the US reduces its overseas bases. Congress has appropriated separate funding to cover these purchases.

In some cases, the drawdown concept has worked. Israel has just bought 50 old F-16A fighters that can be upgraded here. But in most other cases, the reliance on older-generation military equipment leads to a situation in which this country fails to offset its territorial risks with the latest American technology.

In the years to come, the costs of latest-generation systems could become prohibitive, as the US military cuts back its orders, pushing the unit price of many new weapons much higher. In short, it is simply much harder to design American compensation packages – with aid and technology – for Israeli concessions, given current trends in Washington.

What about the idea of massively increasing American prepositioning in and around Israel as a low-cost way of offsetting Israeli risks? Presumably, US equipment that could be used by Israel as well in an emergency would appear in the Defense Department budget and not as an increase in foreign aid.

Here again, Israeli ideas will confront the harsh realities of the US Department of Defense. As Washington plans deep defense cuts, Former secretary of defense Les Aspin proposed a new post-Cold War American strategy based on slashing the US Army divisions by about a third and the US Air Force tactical fighter wings by even more.

But even Aspin's trimmed five-year budget is underfunded by more than $30 billion. As defense cuts go deeper, the strategy of American military intervention abroad will change. Would the US need prepositioned ships in the Mediterranean? What kind of equipment would it store abroad?

Maybe the US will only consider intervention with air or naval power. In that case, it will not need the kind of equipment that Israel uses up quickly in its armored land battles.

In any case, assuming the prepositioning of American equipment is also meant to imply the threat of US intervention on Israel's behalf if it is attacked, the expected decline in American military capability in this decade raises serious questions about the deterrent value of arrangements built around the continuity of American power.

Before the Rabin government moves any further in territorial concessions on the Golan, it must make sure that its model of security can be implemented. It is doubtful that the conditions that prevailed in the 1970s, when the rules of the peace process were established, still apply to the 1990s.

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Rabin: Public must buckle up for rocky road ahead

Prime Minister Rabin hopes the IDF's withdrawal from Gaza will provide short-term relief to the public, which must deal with the long road ahead, David Makovsky writes

Leaving Gaza is not expected to create instant harmony, but to extricate the IDF from a debilitating quagmire. (Reuter)

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin is renowned for being blunt. His preference for getting straight to the point has been one of his best assets in attracting popular support.

But Rabin has been less than blunt since the Oslo accord. Only now, after the terror attacks in Afula and Hadera, is he showing signs of reverting to his old self.

"We knew it was impossible to erase 100 years of hatred with one signature. We knew it was impossible to change the ideas, the education from birth; we knew this peace would have enemies," he admitted this week.

Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur said, "The public must realize there is no instant bang and everything is resolved. We have embarked on something that will take time."

This candid approach was late in coming. For six months after the Oslo accord, Rabin failed to make clear to the public that the rejectionists would accelerate terrorism as the peace process advanced. Instead, he allowed Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's concept of a "new Middle East" to define the peace issue.

In a week in which Israeli officials were visiting Oman and anticipating trips to Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait, it would be wrong to ignore the significant changes that are occurring in the region. But, visiting the Persian Gulf will not stop terror at home.

Like Jean Monnet, who had a vision for Europe after World War II, Peres aims to create a web of economic interdependencies between erstwhile enemies. This is an evolutionary process, though, and Rabin's biggest problem is winning public support for the short-term.

After Oslo, the government hoped that by creating expectations it would win support. But as the gap between expectations and reality has widened, the public is realizing that tension will remain a component of the Israeli-Palestinian relationship for the foreseeable future.

The government's over-optimistic outlook resulted in every attack against Israel being viewed as an indictment of the accord with the PLO. Recently, Gur lashed out at the Likud for using the attacks to score political points. "They are lowering the morale of the public," he said, borrowing words Likud used against Peace Now supporters disillusioned by the Lebanon War.

Top laborites are not counting on a transformed Gaza. Rather, they see a pullout as a way of separating the Israeli and Palestinian populations, and freeing the IDF from a no-win situation. Also, they want to give the Palestinians a stake so they have something to lose.

MK Ori Orr, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, admits now that "when something as historic as Oslo happens, there is an irresistible tendency to want to herald the arrival of a new era," but that this is not always the best tactic. "The process is complex and will take a lot of time. We are trying to disentangle ... the Jewish and Palestinian populations, to pave the way for [territorial] compromise."

Rabin's famous statement "let Gaza sink" received much support. Leaving Gaza is not expected to create instant harmony, but to extricate the IDF from a debilitating quagmire. One Likud MK privately concurred, "It suits us that Labor is doing the hard work of withdrawal, while we in the Likud are spared the internal fight and do not have to make any of the tough decisions, but rather watch on the side."

Rabin went on the offensive this week, claiming that controlling the territories has imposed a serious burden on the country. In the Knes[...] Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, [...] spoke bluntly about how IDF training is bei[...] jeopardized now that the "entire standing army[...] spending nine months a year in the territories[...] Citing the statistics that the 15,000 Israelis ha[...] been injured during the intifada and that the II[...] has arrested 120,000 to 140,000 Palestinians du[...]ing this period, he made clear that quashing t[...] intifada was a Sysiphean task. Israel was not [...] against a few militants, but an entire host[...] population.

The premise that minimizing contact will tra[...]late into fewer losses will be tested after t[...] Gaza/Jericho agreement is signed next mont[...] Senior military officials say they expect PL[...] chairman Yasser Arafat is keen to demonstra[...] that any area under his control will be relativ[...] quiet, in order to bolster his case in the negot[...]tions for the final disposition of territory.

The more telling question, though, will [...] whether Arafat wants to or is capable of halti[...] infiltrations from Gaza and Jericho to the rest [...] the territories or Israel proper. After the battle [...] elicit a condemnation of the Afula killings, c[...] Arafat be counted on to stage manhunts? Wh[...] attacks are committed outside of Gaza-Jerich[...] will Arafat disclaim responsibility or insist th[...] the only solution will be an extension of his ar[...] of control and, furthermore, will he have a[...] power over Hamas?

Some PLO security officials, such as Moha[...]med Dahlan, admit their organization is n[...] counting on Israel's infinite patience. He appre[...]ates that sustained violence would mean th[...] Israel would abrogate the Oslo accords.

Orr concurs that the PLO has the most to lo[...] if they fail to control the situation. "If Ga[...] Jericho does not work, for us it will be a failu[...] But for the PLO, it will be a tragedy. They ha[...] lost the most during these decades of conflict[...]"

The true test for the government remains [...] level of domestic support. An implicit, but nev[...] publicly articulated, assumption is that the la[...] majority of the public will support the process [...] long as violence does not seep over the Gre[...] Line. Rabin said last year, after the closure of [...] territories, that "96 percent" of Israelis we[...] happy that the area was closed off.

But public support, which did not drop af[...] killings in the territories in December, plumm[...]ed after the Afula car bombing. Of the 23 Israe[...] killed in 1994, 20 have been inside the Gre[...] Line. In the latest Dahaf poll, 59 percent disa[...]proved of the government's actions, the first ti[...] that opponents outnumber supporters.

Rabin hopes scenes of the IDF exiting Ga[...] will arouse public relief and provide fresh pol[...]cal capital for the inevitably difficult interim pe[...]od. At least for the near future, there are mo[...] downs than ups. Fasten your seatbelts.

Parents of MiAs are 'tired of being orphans'

After nearly 12 years of waiting, searching and lobbying, three families of MiAs are learning how to protest, Steve Rodan reports

Miriam and Yona Baumel, who started a hunger strike this week, meet Foreign Minister Shimon Peres outside the Prime Minster's Office. (Yitzhak Elharar/Scoop 80)

ELLI Kagan remembers Day One. She arrived outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem on Sunday to find Yona and Miriam Baumel starting their hunger strike without water, without signs – just an elderly American couple on the edge of despair over their missing soldier son.

Kagan and her friend, Simcha Mirvis, brought water, recruited yeshiva students and spent all night drawing posters. The following day the vigil began with teenagers lined across the street holding signs and urging motorists to honk their horns.

"People are concerned about this because as foreigners who want to make aliya we want to have trust in our government," said Kagan, a student activist from the US.

After nearly 12 years of waiting, searching and lobbying, the Baumels and two other families are learning how to protest.

They are angry at what they say is the government's ineptitude in the search for their sons, who were captured at the battle of Sultan Yacoub in the Lebanon war and then never heard from again.

Moreover, the families are furious that the government now plans to release thousands of Palestinian prisoners without demanding that Israel learn of the fate of the MiAs. Once the prisoners are released, the families say, the government will have given away its last bargaining card.

"We have come to the end of our tether," Miriam Baumel said. "We're tired of being orphans."

The effort focuses on four soldiers still declared alive by the government. Zecharia Baumel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz were all captured in the battle of Sultan Yacoub. Ron Arad, an Air Force navigator, bailed out of his Phantom jet and was captured in 1986.

The remaining two MiAs, Rahamim Alsheikh and Yosef Fink, were declared dead after the government received evidence by Hizbullah through the United Nations in 1992.

The Baumels insist the government actually regards all the MiAs except Arad as being dead. Miriam Baumel said she has seen this purported policy in the way the IDF and government respond to the families of the soldiers missing at Sultan Yacoub.

One example was just before Pessah. The families organized a symbolic seder for the missing soldiers. Miriam Baumel says nobody from the Defense Ministry or Foreign Ministry attended. This, she said, despite the arrival of government representatives at ceremonies held only for Arad.

"We have proof that the military differentiates between us [Sultan Yacoub MiAs] and Arad," she said.

Officials dispute her claim. "The security establishment and the State of Israel don't differentiate between the families of the missing," Defense Ministry spokesman Oded Ben-Ami said. "They are doing all they can to represent them."

Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur told the Knesset on Wednesday that the subject of soldiers missing in Lebanon is raised at least weekly by Rabin himself. "We haven't wasted one opportunity," he said.

Privately, however, security sources and parliamentarians familiar with the issue have concluded that Baumel, Feldman and Katz are long dead. "Twelve years and not a word from them or anybody who can prove to have seen them," said a security source, who did not want to be identified. "I understand the pain of the families. But there's also a reality."

The Baumels insist the answer to their son's fate lies in the hands of PLO leader Yasser Arafat. It was Arafat who last year handed over half the IDF dog tag worn by Zecharia.

The Baumels want Arafat to answer several questions: Where did he get the dog tag from? Why did he deny he had it for so many years? What else does he know about Zecharia and the other MiAs?

The Baumels said the dog tag has been lying in the safe of Arafat's long-time deputy, Khalid Wazir, or Abu Jihad, for 10 years. Several years ago, Wazir's widow, Umm Jihad, pledged to release the dog tag.

Parliamentary supporters of the families of the Sultan Yacoub soldiers have other questions. Earlier this month, Wazir's daughter, Hanan A-Dik, was allowed to enter the territories as part of a deal in which 49 Palestinians returned to their homes.

"Why is Israel not questioning her?" Likud MK Limor Livnat asked.

The government has been embarrassed by the hunger strike. On the first day, Rabin invited the families to his office and heard their demand that no Palestinian prisoner be released until the fate of their sons is resolved. Rabin said he would consider the request.

In Tel Aviv, senior IDF commanders, including the head of the manpower division, called the parents of Feldman for a meeting as they demonstrated outside the Defense Ministry.

The family said the army asked them to end the vigil.

The parents have said no. On Wednesday, Yona Baumel, 66 and in poor health, felt faint from extreme heat and was taken to the Knesset, where he was given an infusion by the physician on call. He was ordered to end his fast.

Miriam Baumel and the other families said they would continue their hunger strike.

The Baumels' vigil is a lively affair. About two dozen youngsters line the sidewalk outside the Prime Minister's office holding signs, one of which reads, "Don't leave soldiers on the battlefield." Many of them hold signs urg[...] motorists to honk.

The motorists, particularly [...] and taxi drivers, often do and [...] result is an ongoing cacopho[...] that appears to disturb gove[...]ment officials and their aides.

Occasionally, some of th[...] open the window to see who[...] making the racket or shake th[...] heads.

At times, Miriam Baumel, [...]having like a peeved grandmo[...]er, tells the demonstrators to p[...] down.

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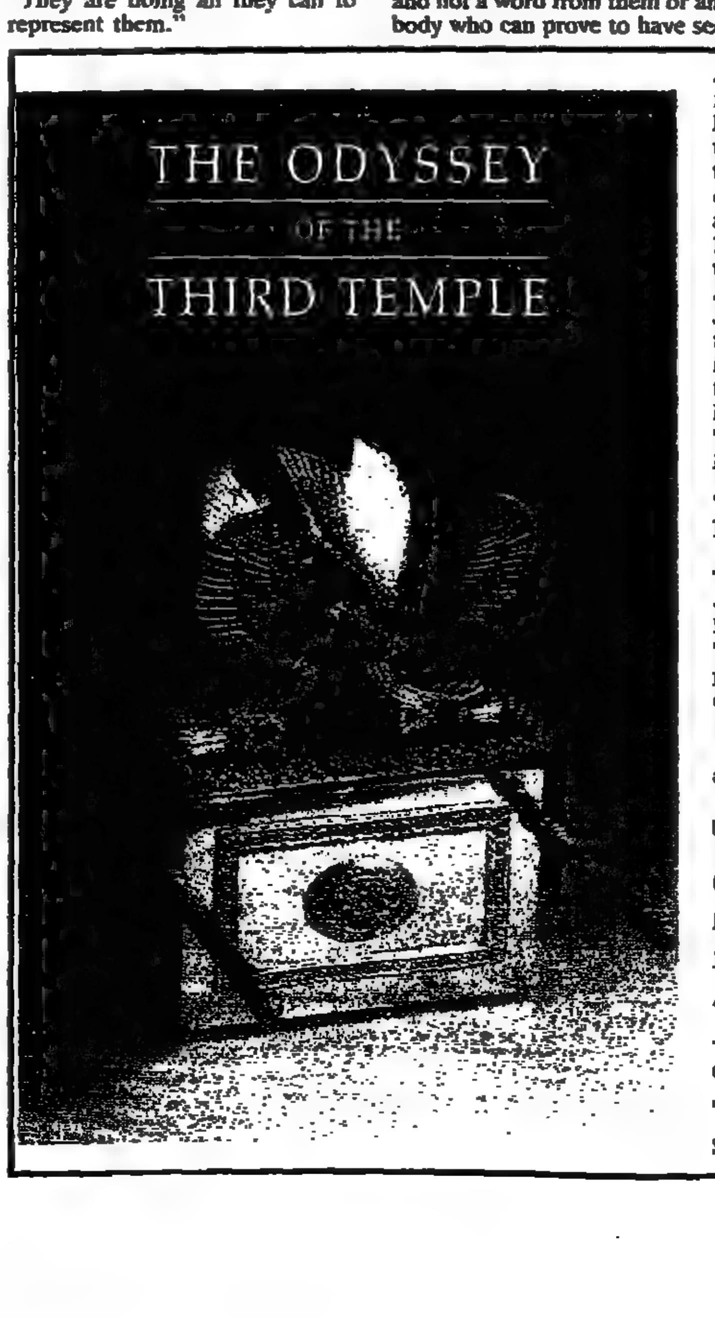

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Haim Ramon demands: Don't call me a yuppie

The upwardly mobile 'blue-eyed bad boy' of Labor plays up his humble origins to explain why he seeks to head the Histadrut, **Sarah Honig** writes

Haim Ramon rejects being characterized as a person born with a silver spoon in his mouth. 'All I've got is what I worked for with my own hands, and there isn't much.' (IPPA)

ON more than one occasion, MK Haim Ramon has said that his Ashkenazi extraction is his greatest liability. Had he been a Sephardi, he says, he would have been hailed as as a self-made man, who rose from humble beginnings.

Instead, the former health minister and independent candidate for Histadrut secretary-general is variously called "a spoiled little child," "the immature wunderkind of the Labor Party," "a pouting baby face," or "the blue-eyed boy who has to have it all his way."

But what stings the most, Ramon says, is when his political opponents, the movers and shakers of the rusty old Histadrut machine, seek to deride him as a "yuppie." This really insults him, he says. His face becomes very animated and he loses his sunny smile and cheery, boyish disposition.

"It hurts," he says, "especially when it comes from people who live off others' toil and estrange themselves from the common working man they are supposed represent. They wouldn't dare talk about me this way if I were a Sephardi. But because my parents were born in Poland, it's natural to intimate that I was born with a silver spoon in my mouth."

Ramon, who came from a poor family, likes to portray himself as a "slum child" with "street smarts." The doting father of a seven-year-old daughter and a two-year-old son repeatedly belittles his present standard of living.

"All I've got is what I worked for with my own hands and there isn't much – just a cottage in Ramat Hasharon and a 1989 car," he asserts. But with that, he manages to sound much like the party hacks he denounces for their insensitivity. What he portrays as emblems of modest middle-class circumstances sound very luxurious indeed to those working-class breadwinners, whose authentic spokesman he claims to be.

So who is the real Haim Ramon? In a way he is a yuppie, having demonstrated his upward mobility very convincingly. But he did not have a comfortable childhood, though the degree to which he likes to highlight the early years of his life no doubt smacks of political tendentiousness.

He was born Haim Wishnia on May 10, 1950, to new-immigrant parents in Jaffa. Those were hard times for almost everyone in Israel. It was the era of mass aliya and the height of the austerity period, in which even food was rationed. Only the children of the rich or the privileged party functionaries had it easy. Ramon was not unique.

Ramon likes to take reporters to visit his first home – a dilapidated Arab structure, across the street from the now-trendy Abulafia pita bakery and near the old city tourist attractions. Ramon depicts himself as a street urchin, but he admits he was never on society's fringes. He came from a respectable family and was generally a "good boy." His father was a blue-collar worker who barely scratched out a living, but he used to take Haim fishing at the nearby beach, and his son's eyes still moisten when he recalls those tranquil moments.

He actually chokes up when he recounts how his father lost his job in the mid-1960s recession: "The place folded up. He could find no other work and the light just went out in his eyes. I could see what suffering unemployment brings. My father couldn't take the shame of not working, till one day he suffered a heart attack and died."

It was then, he says, that he developed his loathing for the "elitist, cynical Histadrut apparatchiks, who couldn't care less about the plight of a manual laborer like my father."

When his father died, Ramon was a tall, strapping teenager, the star pupil and athlete at Jaffa's Jewish municipal high school and a member of the school drama circle and debating club. He had also joined the Labor Party's youth movement, where his good looks and charisma attracted attention, as they did when he went on to Tel Aviv University law school.

By then, the family had moved out of Jaffa and into neighboring Bat Yam, where he lived till he was 25. After he married beauty queen Pnina Tenenbaum in the mid-1970s, the young couple made the socially significant move northward to affluent Ramat Hasharon.

For years, Ramon ran the Labor Young Guard and infused it with his ultra-dovish and "heretical" socio-economic ideas, including demands for reforms in the Histadrut. His efforts bore fruit. When the 1981 Labor Knesset list was drawn up, he was ranked high and just missed being elected an MK, but was able to enter the Knesset in 1983, when Chaim Herzog was elected president and vacated his seat.

Ramon has been in the limelight ever since, though it has not always flattered him. He masterminded what Yitzhak Rabin branded the "stinking maneuver," which felled the national unity government in 1990. In 1991, he and his friends in the radical Hakfar Hayarok circle were on the verge of leaving Labor and redrawing the political map, as Ramon put it, by teaming up with the Citizens' Rights Movement.

"We reconsidered at the last moment," recalls Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli, then one of the group, "but Haim stayed in the party only to wreck it from the inside."

Ramon comes on as "the nicest boy and so persuasive. Actually, he is glib and slick. He can sell ice to the Eskimos," Zvilli says, acknowledging that Ramon was and remains a charmer, while seeming to hold this against him. "Haim is an oily manipulator, a dictator and relentless underminer. He is immature, reckless, and all he cares about is furthering his career," says Zvilli.

The two, who had been close political allies, became bitter enemies the day Ramon abandoned Shimon Peres. Ramon had been Peres's protégé, one of those known as the "the Peres boys in blazers."

Some of them, like Zvilli and Yossi Beilin, still hang at Peres's coattails. But Ramon reckoned, after the 1990 "maneuver" failed to make Peres prime minister, that Peres was a loser.

Ramon always knew how to read the public mood, and in the 1992 elections, Rabin benefited. As the election campaign began, Ramon was one of the originators of the notion of promoting Rabin as a dove in hawk's clothing. The election propaganda was his brainchild, and he was an active participant in the campaign, returning, for example, to the Bat Yam of his youth after the terrorist murder of Helena Rapp, and pouncing on the issue of "Gaza in Tel Aviv."

Rabin, who is now throwing all his political weight against Ramon, owes him his premiership. For a while, Ramon was one of the ministers closest to Rabin: He was always able to get the prime minister's attention and would walk in and out of his bureau as he pleased.

But then came what he felt was a betrayal over the national health insurance bill and what he calls "the staged political lynching directed and produced by the Histadrut," at the late-January meeting of the Labor central committee, which snuffed out his plan to sever the forced membership link between Kupat Holim Clalit and the Histadrut.

It remains to be seen whether, as the polls now predict, the formidable Histadrut fortress will indeed fall to Ramon. But he hopes for revenge, and Labor fears him as it has feared no one, "because he has the aura of a great leader in the making. His foes sensed that and they couldn't wait to kick out the competition," says his friend Labor MK Avraham Burg.

Another Labor pal, MK Haggai Merom, agrees. "Those who feared Ramon, pushed him out," Merom says. "They are little people and the spark of genuine leadership scared the hell out of them. They didn't want Haim as a reforming health minister, so they might get him as Histadrut secretary-general and maybe as prime minister one day."

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Guidebooks that perpetrate subtle brainwashing

EYE ON THE MEDIA

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

FOLLOWING is a letter from reader David Watson of New Zealand, a visitor here:

"'Eye on the Media' is an important column, discussing as it does bias and distortion in the media. However, the March 4 column ['Israel is not the only victim of press distortion'] is itself a shocking example of press distortion.

"Bar-Illan critiques Neil Tilbury's guidebook, *Israel: A Travel Survival Kit*, relying on a recent article by Michael Kapel in the *Australia/Israel Review*. But reviewer Kapel has quoted Tilbury so selectively, so out of context, that it must come close to libel. Example: 'Israel has always created pretexts for invading Arab territory and the Suez War was yet another example.... Israel planned to set up Egypt so it would enter and then lose a war.'

"Tilbury does indeed say this on page 22 of his book, but before the above-quoted piece, he adds the prefix 'some critics claim Israel has always...' Tilbury in fact discusses both the Israeli and the Egyptian views of the war and events that led up to it.

"Similarly, Kapel selectively quotes Tilbury on the Six Day War: 'Israel attempted to provoke the Arabs into starting the war, failed, and made the first strike itself. Nasser didn't want to destroy Israel. His speeches were merely his way of trying to improve his prestige in the Arab world. Egyptian troops in the Sinai were actually in defensive positions.... Israel attacked first ... as part of an overall plan to increase the size of the Jewish state.'

"The paragraphs from which Kapel quotes so selectively actually read, in full, as follows: 'There had been an increase in Arab terrorist attacks on Israel from Syria and Egypt, and in anti-Israel speeches by Arab leaders in the previous two years. By June 1967 Egypt again blockaded the Tiran straits and ordered the UN peacekeeping forces out of the Sinai. With the Egyptian army apparently moving towards Israel, the Israel air force attacked and crippled its counterpart on the ground. Jordan then attacked Israel from the East, and Syria attacked from the North....'

"'The Israeli version of the events leading up to the Six Day War is disputed. While Israel claims that it was forced to retaliate against the mass attack of Arab forces from three countries, it is argued that Israel attempted to provoke the Arabs into starting the war....' [continues as quoted by Kapel/reproduced by Bar-Illan.]

"So Tilbury in fact gives both the Israeli and Egyptian views of the war.

"The column's headline is correct: Neil Tilbury and his book are victims, in that very column, of terrible press distortion!"

MR. WATSON'S concern with fairness is commendable. But he fails to discern the sophistication and insidiousness of Tilbury's book, a propaganda tract masquerading as a fair presentation of the "two sides to the conflict."

The truth is not somewhere between a lie and the truth, and presenting both as equally valid is no sign of objectivity. Nor is a false claim made acceptable by introducing it with the words "critics claim."

Tilbury is careful to give the "Zionist side" with such qualifications as to annul its impact, and the "Arab side" with such obvious favor as to make it convincing.

Example: Chaim Weizmann "met with Emir Feisal and they reached an agreement, of sorts, recognizing the aspirations of both Arabs and Jews in Palestine. Zionists often refer to it as an important stage of the negotiations, but to the Arabs, the agreement had always been conditional on their independence and so never stood a chance unless that was granted." What Tilbury fails to mention is that the Arab countries refused to recognize the Jews' right to sovereignty, even after they got their independence.

Or "While trying to appease the WZO [World Zionist Organization], representing the Jews, the British authorities in Palestine dealt with Haj Amin, Mufti of Jerusalem and head of the Supreme Moslem Council, representing the Arabs. He [the Mufti] enjoys a reputation probably second only to Adolf Hitler for his personal and political integrity and performance....

"He is also credited with formulating the Arabs' uncompromising hostility to the Jewish state, which perhaps led to the poor public relations image from which the Arabs now suffer." (The reader is to assume, then, that wars of annihilation against Israel and decades of international terrorism have nothing to do with this image.)

Or, "In 1929 the Jewish community of Hebron was massacred by Arab extremists, the height of the violence so far. The Irgun Zvai Leumi, a Jewish underground organization, was founded by extreme right-wing Zionists, led by Ze'ev Jabotinsky and his assistant Menachem Begin." Leaving aside the errors (the Irgun was founded in 1931, and Begin was not Jabotinsky's assistant), calling the IZL "extreme right-wing" is hardly indicative of Olympian detachment.

Tilbury then writes that the Jews, "amazingly," decided to fight on the side of the British in World War II, then mentions "Aliyah Bet, the Jews' illegal immigration program."

"Critics claim that there were other areas of the world that the refugees could and should have gone to which did not have the powder-keg environment of Palestine."

There in a nutshell is the whole Arab argument: Zionism is not a Jewish national movement of return to the Land of Israel but an invasion of Palestine by refugees who had no other place to go, thus making the Arabs the secondary victims of the Holocaust.

The infiltration of guidebooks is one of the most impressive achievements of Arab propaganda. Millions of Western travelers, particularly the young, travel in the Middle East, and relatively few bother to study the subject. Often, guidebooks are their only source of information about Israel. Tilbury's book, subtler than most, is a masterpiece of brainwashing.

CHOOSING A PICTURE

Many photographs could fit the caption "Israel turns 46." The fly-by of the Israel Air Force could do nicely, or a picture of the huge crowds watching it, or the flags on virtually every car, or children from Ethiopia and Russia dancing together.

But the *New York Times* has its own concept of what Israel stands for. Its picture choice, included in the Weekly Review section of April 17, was of Israeli children playing with army guns at an exhibition of weapons in Kiryat Arba.

Perth's *West Australian*, like many papers in the West, featured a picture of an Arab hoodlum kicking a yeshiva student in the stomach. (The only paper in Israel which did not reprint it was *Ha'aretz*.) The picture reminded many of photos from Nazi Germany in the 1930s.

But in Perth they had a different interpretation. The caption read: "A Jewish extremist doubles up in pain as a Palestinian youth kicks him during unrest in the Old City of Jerusalem. Clashes broke out after the slaying of six Palestinians by Israeli soldiers in Gaza." (Not mentioned is that the Palestinians were hooded Fatah gunmen with drawn weapons who blocked the street in Jabalya.)

And the Montreal *Gazette*, as if to atone for publishing a fine op-ed article "Sweeping demonization of 130,000 settlers makes little sense" by Hillel Neuer, illustrated it with a picture of "Residents of Kiryat Arba ... build a shrine [sic] around the grave of Baruch Goldstein, the Jewish settler who gunned down 39 [sic] Muslim worshippers."

The month of fools

VIEW FROM NOV

MOSHE KOHN

April 1. This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.
Mark Twain, *Pudd'nhead Wilson*

MARK TWAIN'S observation was brought to mind by a local journalist's plea for the abolition of April.

He is Tom Segev, a leading "post-Zionist" pundit, who finds April "an awful month" (*Ha'aretz*, April 8). This, despite the fact, which he acknowledges, that "poets identify it with love and life."

Indeed, in ancient Rome April was sacred to Venus. And the name is assumed to come from the Latin "*aperire*," meaning "to open," referring to the unfolding of buds and blossoms.

William Shakespeare describes April as "...proud-pied April, dress'd in all his trim, / Hath put a spirit of youth in everything" (Sonnet 98).

And April is a metaphor for nubile beauty: "Thou art thy mother's glass, and she in thee / Calls back the lovely April of her prime;..." (Sonnet 3).

Robert Browning longed "...to be in England / Now that April's there" ("Home Thoughts from Abroad").

But in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* Shakespeare finds it to be a fickle month: "...The uncertain glory of an April day, / Which now shows all the beauty of the sun, / And by and by a cloud takes all away!" (I:3:85-87).

In Robert Frost's "Two Tramps in Mud Time," too, April vacillates between beautiful May weather and inclement March weather.

On the other hand, among T.S. Eliot's metaphors that I don't understand is his "April is the cruellest month, breeding / Lilacs out of the dead land, ... stirring / Dull roots with spring rain..." ("The Wasteland").

Unless he is telling us that birth and rebirth are cruel, mucky processes – which the Jewish people knows only too well.

SEGEV finds April to be a month of "hatred and death... of pogroms: from Kishinev to Deir Yasin wicked people choose April to kill each other. The spring blossoming, I have always thought, unhinges people."

Thus he mused a few days after the massacre in Afula. (Now he can add the April 13 massacre in Hadera.)

But this unhinging isn't exclusive to April: "Sometimes it happens in March: Baruch Goldstein was ahead of his time."

So was Adolf Hitler. If Segev had scratched his head once or twice, he might have reminded himself that 50 years ago March, German forces marched into Hungary with their program for the annihilation of Hungarian Jewry.

Segev finds that in our land, "April is the most pressurized and jabbery month: Pessah and Mimouna, Holocaust Memorial Day and Fallen Soldiers Memorial Day and Independence Day. In no other month is so much platitude and blather spoken and written, so much cliché, myth and hypocrisy. And just when you think it's over at last, Jerusalem Day suddenly crops up."

In sum, April is "the month of political kitsch."

Like Segev's own April 8 anti-Zionist kitsch.

ONE TROUBLE with Segev's musing is that he didn't bother to check the Jewish calendar dates of those festivals and memorial days against the Gregorian calendar. (For the liberated, post-Zionist Israelis, of course, the Jewish calendar is irrelevant.)

If he had checked, he'd have found that since a Knesset law in 1959 fixed Nissan 27 as Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, that date has fallen in May eight times.

If he had checked, he'd have found that since the proclamation of the state on Iyar 5, 5708/May 14, 1948, Independence Day has occurred only 24 times in April.

Jerusalem Day, which marks the restoration of Jewish hegemony over entire Jerusalem on Iyar 28, 5727/June 7, 1967, has never fallen in April, and is never likely to do so.

If he had checked he'd have found, moreover, another date to raise his hackles as it does to all our post-Zionist revisionist historians.

That date is Lag ba'Omer. This year it falls next Friday, Iyar 18 – April 29 this year, the fourth time since 5708/1948 that it will have fallen in April.

Lag ba'Omer is anathema to them because it celebrates a relatively pleasant happening during the otherwise tragic Bar-Kochba Revolt of 132-135 CE – a halt in the plague that killed Rabbi Akiva's disciples/soldiers.

Today we know that revolt was a failure: we mourn over that failure and over the price the Jewish people paid for it, and we celebrate the respite that those doomed rebels had on Iyar 18.

Our post-Zionist after-the-fact pundits, however, virtually gloat over that failure, and in an "I-told-you-so" tone.

In their post-Zionist anti-Zionism and anti-Jewish-historyism they also "know" that Bar-Kochba was a proto-Meir Kahane or at least Ariel Sharon, and his spiritual mentor, Rabbi Akiva, and the other Sages (a majority) who supported him, were proto-Gush Emunim if not Kach.

SEGEV also forgot to mention April 21, which since antiquity has been celebrated as *natalis urbis Romae*, the birthday of the city of Rome.

In Jewish legend, Rome's groundwork was laid the day King Solomon married an Egyptian princess and installed her idolatrous shrine in Jerusalem.

Following Solomon's act, Angel Gabriel flew down to earth, and just off the coast of Italy planted a staff around which a mass of mud collected that was to be the site of Rome – Rome, which was to punish the Jews for the waywardness exemplified by Solomon's act.

Another April date with a dire message is April 4.

On April 1, 1933, the Nazis, who had just assumed power in Germany, declared a nationwide anti-Jewish boycott and ordered the Jews to wear a yellow patch.

In response, on April 4 the German Zionist weekly *Die Jüdische Rundschau* published an editorial calling on German Jews to "Wear the yellow patch with pride."

Some Jews and non-Jews knew then that the message should have been: Get out of Germany!

In any event, "Wear the yellow patch with pride" can never be a proper Jewish message except inside the gas chamber – where we should not have been or be in the first place.

LAST WEEK, I wrote of those who "for peace" are willing to "give back everything Jerusalem." That should have read, of course, "everything but Jerusalem."

And the correct source of that saying about Herod's construction is *Bava Batra 4a*.

SRULIK by DOSH

Is the Land important?

SHABBAT SHALOM

SHLOMO RISKIN

"And the Lord spoke unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the Lord and died."
(Lev. 16:1)

TWO weeks ago we read in the Tora how Nadav and Avihu, two sons of Aaron, were killed by God for bringing a "strange fire" that had not been commanded. The Bible faults them for having brought this strange fire. But was this crime so heinous as to merit summary capital punishment?

This week's portion of *Aharei Mot* sheds light on the nature of their crime. Our portion opens like most of the portions in Leviticus: "And the Lord spoke unto Moses...," but immediately goes on to review the exact chronology in case the two intervening portions of *Tazria* and *Metzora* have clouded our sense of time. This week's portion takes place "after the death of the two sons of Aaron..." God's subsequent speech to Aaron is introduced by a warning: "Speak unto Aaron your brother, that he come not just any time into the holy place with the veil, before the ark cover, so that he may not die." (16:2)

Clearly the two ideas are interconnected. As Rashi points out, a doctor's warning not to eat a specific food is much more effective if the patient is also told that so-and-so died from eating this very dish.

So, the reasons why Aaron should not enter the inner chambers of the Sanctuary at will are spelled out. If he does, he risks the penalty which befell Nadav and Avihu. Therefore we infer that the "strange fire which they brought before God which He had not commanded them" (Lev. 10:1) was linked to their entry into the Sanctuary at an improper time, in effect making improper use of the House of God.

As the text continues, the importance of precise Sanctuary rituals becomes even clearer. Indeed, on the Day of Forgiveness (Yom Kippur), it is crucial for the right person to be in the right place at the right time; after all, the fundamental forgiveness of Yom Kippur is dependent upon the High Priest's entry into the Holy of Holies on the 10th day of Tishrei.

By connecting the Yom Kippur ritual with the deaths of Nadav and Avihu, it becomes even clearer that their sin was the commission of a superfluous and therefore unordained act of divine service.

In order to understand the biblical perspective, we must remember that prior to the dedication of the Sanctuary, there was nothing wrong with building an altar, bringing fire, or bringing a sacrifice whenever and wherever one chose. Throughout the Book of Genesis, we see how Abraham, Isaac and Jacob brought sacrifices and built altars as the spirit moved them. These spontaneous acts of worship are called *bamot*.

But after the Exodus, the people of Israel begins to take on a new identity, and experiences a transition from the looseness of the extended family to the structure of a nation. A nation requires a central rallying point. It is to this end that the Almighty commanded the construction of the Sanctuary. There is to be no more building of altars hither and yon. The families and tribes have merged into a nation, and that nation must redirect its religious efforts towards one unifying structure.

Israel has entered a new stage in its history. The spontaneous sacrifices of the patriarchs are over. What was appropriate for them is no longer appropriate for Nadav and Avihu. Not even Aaron the High Priest, with his access to awesome spiritual heights, has the right to step beyond strictly defined boundaries of service. The highest priority has now become national – not individual – service, and so any movement against centralization must be swiftly condemned.

In his commentary on Moses' final charge to Israel, usually translated: "Remember the days of old, ponder the years of each generation" (Deut. 32:7), Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch translates the word *shnot* as changes, suggesting that we must understand the changes of each generation, and act accordingly. We have to probe each age, discovering the unique features and special demands of that period. This was something Nadav and Avihu neglected to do, somehow believing that the realities of the past would remain the realities of the present and future.

Nadav and Avihu, fine religious Jews, were guilty of not understanding that the world had moved on. But they have good company. Apparently a good number of Jews in the world today are not yet aware of the central importance of Israel. Their continued presence in New York, London and Paris seems to say they think it's possible to be a good Jew without intending to return to the Holy Land.

Indeed, it would seem that sometimes even our own Jewish leaders lose sight of the profound significance of our Jewish homeland. Compromise may well be necessary in a legitimate quest for peace, but not when we are expected to do all the giving and the Arabs all the taking.

We have the right to our Holy City, and to the homes we have built in the Land of our fathers. The nations of the world have told us what's really important; they have fought four wars to keep us from living in our homeland. That's the strongest indication that we must consider Israel of paramount importance to Jewish life today, and protect its security and integrity against all who would undermine them.

Shabbat Shalom!

A good-neighbor policy in a mixed neighborhood

ON THE BORDER

JEFF GREEN

WHEN I met my neighbor at the bus stop the other day, he looked particularly gloomy.

A heavy-set, bald man in his late fifties, whom I've known casually for several years, he has had more than his share of misfortune, so I didn't think to ask him what was the matter.

There's always something the matter. About 10 years ago he was injured and forced to leave his job in the maintenance department of a luxury hotel in downtown Jerusalem.

He opened a small grocery store but couldn't make a go of it. And a few months ago he fell off a step-ladder and broke his back. Now he has to wear a metal brace.

Though I was not anxious to hear any more hard-luck stories, my bus didn't come right away, and I couldn't keep ignoring him. I asked if everything was all right.

No, he said, everything was not all right. His neighbor's cousin had been killed in a terrorist attack. And, as he said to me with the closest thing to anger I've ever seen on his face, "The killing just isn't stopping!"

My neighbor is named Hassan Idris, and his cousin was one of 29 men at prayer in Hebron who were murdered by Baruch Goldstein. Hassan and I both live in Abu Tor, a Jerusalem neighborhood straddling a ridge that was the border between Israel and Jordan until 1967. Jews live on the western slope above the Hebron Road, and Arabs live on the eastern slope, extending down to Silwan.

My view of Jerusalem is strongly colored by my position on the border, for I can see the difference between my experience of life in this supposedly unified city and that of my Arab neighbors.

My city is connected to the rest of my country. Their city is, for now, cut off from the rest of their country.

Most of the Palestinians in Abu Tor have relatives in Hebron, and, Arab families being as large and extended as they are, many of them had relatives killed or injured in the massacre or in the subsequent rioting.

The Israeli negotiating strategy may very well be to cut the Jerusalem issue off from that of the rest of the occupied territories, but Jerusalem's Arab residents are bound to the territories by ties of blood and culture.

From my position on the border, I can't ignore the Arabs or pretend they'll go away. Every few hours I hear the muezzins in their mosques, and in the early morning, on my way to synagogue, I see them walking through my neighborhood on their way to work. Their presence is a reality.

WHEN PEOPLE hear that I live in Abu Tor, they often ask me whether I've had "trouble" with the Arabs, or whether I'm frightened.

I don't see why anyone should be more frightened to live in Abu Tor than anywhere else in this country. Terror can strike anywhere, and you can live in constant fear or carry on despite it.

In the nine years that my family and I have lived here, not once have we been threatened or even spoken to rudely by an Arab in our neighborhood.

The worst thing that has happened to us is that some Arab children sneaked into the yard and stole the peaches from our tree – not exactly nationalistic terror. But perhaps we've just been lucky. The vandals who burn cars and slash tires in the neighborhood are certainly not pacifists.

My wife and I have made an effort to meet some of the Palestinians of Abu Tor and find out who they are and what they think. We have found no shortage of Arabs interested in meeting Jews.

Some of our Arab neighbors are devout Moslems, others are secular. Some are still loyal to Hussein, and others are connected to the PLO. Some are well educated and sophisticated, others are simple working people. Some are bitter, others are conciliatory. The more we know of our neighbors, the harder it is to speak in generalizations about "the Arabs."

I presume the effect of acquaintance is mutual. The more they know of us and other Jewish people who are willing to meet them, the harder it will be for them to speak in generalizations about "the Jews."

Undeniably, some Palestinians slash tires, burn cars and even kill Jews, but others will help you out if you have a flat tire and drive you to the hospital if you're hurt. Like all human beings, they respond to the givens and changes in their environment, and they develop.

Arab hostility to Israel is not necessarily an immutable fact but, in many instances, it is a normal human response to actions taken by Israelis. If we didn't rule over them and interfere with their daily lives, average citizens would have much less to be angry about, and the militants would have less public resentment to mobilize.

My neighbor, Hassan Idris, naturally got very angry when a Jewish doctor, exploiting the IDF presence in Hebron, murdered his relative there. But he is grateful for the expert and solicitous treatment he received from Jewish doctors at Hadassah-University Hospital when he broke his back.

It doesn't take a lot of political sophistication to know the difference between an orthopedist committed to healing the injured of all nations and a murderous fanatic.

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MEDIAWISE

Elton John, US football and Zionism

Robert Kraft, who helped bring Elton John here, now hopes to stage an exhibition game of American football, **Allison Kaplan Sommer** writes

New England Patriots coach Bill Parcells (left) gets along well with new team owner Robert Kraft. (David Silverman)

NO sooner had Boston businessman Robert Kraft purchased the New England Patriots football team than he started talking to Pittsburgh Steelers owner Art Rooney about bringing new meaning to the term "home game."

The plan the two owners are toying with: packing up the helmets and shoulder pads and bringing the Steelers and the Patriots overseas to play two exhibition games.

One would be in Rooney's homeland, Ireland, and the other in this country, which Kraft calls his second home.

If the prospect of quarterbacks and linebackers in the Middle East sounds far-fetched, one must remember that Kraft's event-management company helped bring Madonna and Elton John to Tel Aviv. His wife Myra gave the rock group Guns 'n' Roses a tour of Jerusalem's Old City.

Kraft was a quiet but powerful force in bringing these rock superstars here, using his considerable pull in the world of entertainment as the owner of Foxboro Stadium, the most important venue for sports and entertainment in New England.

The congenial, blue-eyed Kraft bought the stadium in 1988, with the hope of someday purchasing its main attraction, the Patriots. He got his chance in 1993, when the team was put up for sale, and after an agonizing process of negotiating and bidding, he bought the team for a reported $160 million last January 21.

He emerged from the process a local hero, or, as the *Boston Globe*, put it, a "white knight for the Patriots and for Massachusetts." His purchase of the Patriots was widely viewed as a last-minute rescue of the team, as the owner, James Orthwein, had made no secret of his attempt to move the team to his hometown of St. Louis.

It was only determination and hard-nosed bargaining on Kraft's part that kept the Patriots in New England. Among other temptations, he turned down an offer of $75 million from Orthwein to sell out his lease to Foxboro stadium, which would allow the team to be moved.

SITTING IN the Tel Aviv Hilton, he is still basking in the approval he gets every time he steps onto a Boston street. Policemen, firemen and others who see him in the street in his hometown come up to thank him for saving the Patriots.

"The regular people, who live paycheck to paycheck: their life revolves around their team," says Kraft, 52.

"It is part of the fabric and the psyche of the community. It is one of the public assets we had to hold on to and pass on to the next generation. Everyone really believed that the team was moving. It would have been terrible for the community, for morale. We would have lost businesses because of it."

Kraft is not only full of the enthusiasm of a fan who is realizing a boyhood dream by buying the home team; he is convinced he made a good investment. He firmly believes that football, not baseball, is the new all-American game: It is the most-watched sport on television, he says.

Even a team like the Patriots, which has not had a winning season in years, sold 6,000 season tickets the first day they went on sale this year.

Kraft is not the first Jewish owner of a football team, but, he points out proudly, he is the first one who keeps kosher. And he is by far the one with the greatest passion for Israel.

It is a love he attributes to his father's religious commitment and a Zionist wife. Since the couple spent their honeymoon here, he has been back countless times, on private business, on economic missions to encourage cooperation between Israel and Massachusetts, and on philanthropic visits. His trip last week combined a board meeting of Carmel Container Systems, the paper-packaging plant he owns here, and a mission of the Jewish National Fund, which his wife led.

"To say that she loves Israel is an understatement," Kraft says. He is convinced that had she been left to her own devices, she would have chosen to make aliya. The Krafts have four sons, and Kraft admits that part of the reason he bought the Patriots is to offer them an incentive to stay in the Boston area.

Kraft is president of the Rand-Whitney Group and the International Forest Products group, which together comprise one of the largest privately owned paper and packaging companies in the US.

In 1988 he combined his business interests and affection for Israel and purchased Carmel, which is today the largest paper-packaging manufacturer in this country.

HIS PURCHASE of Foxboro stadium the same year launched him into the far more glamorous world of entertainment. Last year, he teamed up with local impresario Zev Eizik to bring rock headliners to Israel.

"We thought that bringing first-class entertainment here would be good for the country's psyche. We think entertainment is a great vehicle for releasing nervous energy."

A bit too much nervous energy was created, however, a year ago, when Elton John stormed out of the country after what he perceived as unacceptable treatment at Ben-Gurion Airport and insufficient security at his hotel. Kraft was meeting with MK Avraham Burg at the Hilton when John fled the hotel and headed back to the airport. At Kraft's urging, Burg chased after him, trying to persuade John to stay in the country.

Burg's mission was unsuccessful. So Kraft spent the next day – his 30th anniversary – on the telephone, pulling every string possible to try to get John to make a return trip to perform here.

"If he hadn't come back, it would have been a black mark against the country," Kraft says, insisting that the temperamental rock star "is a good guy, really a nice guy. He loved it here. He wants to come back and see more of Jerusalem."

Following the Elton John fiasco, and some glitches in Madonna's visit here, Kraft is taking a break from the business of importing rock stars.

In any case, Kraft has his hands full with the Patriots today. Owning a football team is not a passive business. There are decisions to be made and players to choose. Buying a football team is like joining a private club, he says.

His newest friend is fellow club member Jerry Jones, the controversial owner of the Dallas Cowboys, a team which has won the past two Super Bowls. Jones shocked the football world when he abruptly arranged the departure of his winning coach, Jimmy Johnson.

At a recent NFL owners' meeting, Jones gave Kraft advice on owning an NFL franchise. "He told me: 'Draw a line in the sand to let everyone know who's boss, who owns the team.' "

But Kraft says drawing lines in the sand and battling egos is not his management style.

"I think that when you are the boss, you don't need to remind people of that fact all the time," Kraft says.

"I believe in discussion and consensus. I definitely believe in accountability, but if the job is being done, I don't get involved. As far as football is concerned, I want the team to win, and if we get to the Super Bowl like Dallas has done, I will be happy to let anyone take the credit."

So far, Kraft and Patriots' coach Bill Parcells have gotten along harmoniously. Kraft says he deeply respects Parcells's knowledge of the game and is willing to give the coach as free a hand as necessary as long as the team wins.

"There's no point in owning a franchise if you aren't committed to making it first rate," Kraft says. "You can't make a profit in the business of football – you just try to continue to break even and you see your asset appreciate."

He applies the same philosophy to doing business in this country: "Surround yourself with good people, and you will succeed."

When he first decided to buy Carmel, he was warned by colleagues that investing in Israel was a losing proposition.

Today, he is pleased with the direction the company is taking: It posted a $2-million profit over the past year. That is a significant improvement from the previous year, when the company broke even.

Kraft is also an investor in the SuperOffice office-products chain and holds a stake in ITI, a Jerusalem computer-products firm. His goal over the next seven years is to be responsible for the creation of 1,000 new jobs in this country.

"Doing business here is truly exciting for me," he says with the same boyish enthusiasm which is evident when he talks about football and Elton John.

"My father, a devoted Jew, died at a young age, and I know that if he were alive – even more than being proud of me for owning the Patriots – he'd be proudest of me most for creating jobs for Jews in Israel."

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100-room castle turns into a house of cards

Jurgen Schneider's disappearance raises questions about business practices, **Margareta Pagano** writes

GERMANY'S first serious property crash in decades has enough raw material for a blockbuster: missing tycoons fleeing with millions of stolen marks, secretive private clinics, 100-room castles and allegations of fraud.

The country's biggest-ever property bankruptcy, the failure of Jurgen Schneider AG, is raising questions about the country's traditional system of corporate governance and the role of its banks in funding industry.

All the ingredients of a classic boom-to-bust property crash are present in the nemesis of Schneider, Germany's biggest property magnate whose private empire has plunged into bankruptcy with DM 9 billion (NIS 15.7b) of debts and up to 3,000 job losses.

Schneider, who is said to be in hiding in places as far apart as Teheran and Tuscany, is the larger-than-life tycoon who overexpanded at the top of the market just as the German economy was heading for recession after the reunification-bubble burst.

As a property speculator, Schneider built his reputation by using existing expensive properties as collateral to borrow at a time when interest rates were rising but rental income was beginning to fall.

Schneider's fall, which has been described by the newspaper *Bild* as the "largest real-estate bankruptcy of all time," is similar to the collapse of the late Robert Maxwell's media empire in Britain.

Both men borrowed heavily to expand their empires, borrowing against already secured assets to buy more assets – in Schneider's case to buy more property, in Maxwell's to shore up borrowings.

More extraordinary still, their banks were prepared to lend even though signs of recession were all around. The real surprise of the Schneider affair is that it has taken place in Germany. Even the banks are surprised that Schneider's losses could have mounted to such levels.

Schneider and his heiress wife Cornelia ran their property business as a private fiefdom, buying and renovating some of the most splendid historic buildings and castles in Germany. Their own home and business headquarters was a 100-room castle in Konigstein, near Frankfurt.

They were the toast of German high society, winning plaudits for their dedication to restoring old sites but also for building good, modern architecture.

Schneider was one of the most controversial of the 1980s property entrepreneurs, buying some of the most interesting commercial sites in Frankfurt, Berlin, Munich and Hamburg. His properties include Munich's Bernheimer Palace, the Hotel Rose in Wiesbaden and high-profile developments in Frankfurt such as the Schillerpassage and the Zeill Galerie.

By the end of the decade Schneider had moved into the eastern Länder, speculating heavily in Leipzig and other eastern cities after reunification and taking advantage of the boom in property prices.

In Leipzig alone there are said to be at least 1,000 construction workers employed on his projects, which include the well-known Madlerpassage.

But Schneider's projects were caught by falling rents. At the peak, in 1991, contracts for prime-site office space were being signed in Frankfurt at DM 95 (NIS 166) a square meter a month. Today rents are nearer DM 70 (NIS 122) – a fall of 26 per cent.

Berlin has been the worst hit, with rents falling 30 percent. Cities such as Hamburg and Munich have suffered as well. Overall vacancy rates have doubled over the past two years to about 7 percent.

Perhaps the most astonishing twist to the Schneider tale is that Deutsche Bank and the other 40 banks have chosen to push Schneider into bankruptcy, ignoring the advice of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who warned them against rushing into a hasty decision.

In a typical paternalist statement redolent of a German industrial consensus now under threat, Herr Kohl said the banks should be mindful of their responsibility to workers and businesses supplying the company. That the banks took no notice of his pleas is indicative of a changing climate.

Even if the fraud alleged by Deutsche Bank is proven, the Schneider affair shows that some of the more traditional and idiosyncratic mores of corporate governance are beginning to crack.

Serious questions are being asked about the role of the banks, particularly since this latest crisis comes just six months after the near failure of Metallgesellschaft, one of Germany's biggest companies, with 57,000 workers.

Metallgesellschaft's adventurous foray into futures trading wiped out its equity base, prompting the five big shareholders, led by Deutsche, to clear out the management led by chief executive Heinz Schimmelbusch.

Eventually the banks provided DM 3.4b (NIS 5.95b) But the crisis prompted criticism that part of Metallgesellschaft's problems stemmed from the close relations between the company and its banks. Critics asked why the banks, which had representatives on its supervisory board, had not spotted problems earlier.

Admirers of the German system such as John Craven, chairman of Deutsche subsidiary Morgan Grenfell, say Metallgesellschaft's rescue was so easily achieved precisely because the banks were shareholders.

Craven, a Deutsche director, said at the time that the rescue operation would have been difficult, probably impossible, under any other system. But he also believes the foreign press has exaggerated the institutional power of Germany 's banks.

Other recent company failures have raised similar questions over just how effective the banks are as big shareholders in enforcing good corporate governance.

Problems at Nixdorf and Klockner and the unsuccessful diversification of Daimler Benz, which was strongly influenced by Deutsche Bank and two state governments, are cases in point.

In "The Reshaping of the German Social Market," a research paper from the UK's Institute for Public Policy, journalist David Goodhart writes: "Daimler shows that the wrong kind of long-termism can have a devastating impact on employment – 70,000 jobs are being shed partly due to strategic errors."

Banks are by far the biggest shareholders in German companies. Of the 171 largest groups, 86 percent have a single shareholder with more than 25 percent of the equity. In most cases this is a bank. Then come other industrial companies and family trusts.

Goodhart argues that the role of the banks in German company life is already on the wane. "Power is now visibly slipping. In some companies even the special link with the house bank which has a seat on the supervisory board has disappeared."

The increasing globalization of companies and the need to raise equity on international capital markets are also challenging traditional thinking in Germany' s boardrooms.

When it applied to have its shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Daimler Benz had to change its reporting procedures to meet the requirements of America's Securities and Exchange Commission.

But the the German consensual system is unlikely to be threatened by hostile takeover bids. The strong network of cross-holdings between companies is likely to ensure protection, although contested takeovers are undoubtedly on the increase.

The current turmoil, the product in part of high inflation followed by a monetary squeeze and recession, suggests Germany is moving toward the Anglo-American stock-market system of institutional shareholders.

It is being given a push in that direction by Brussels, with the European Community aiming to liberalize equity markets and place limits on bank shareholdings in industry. (The Sunday Telegraph)

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Reviving a tired game

CHESS

NIGEL DAVIES

TO commemorate David Bronstein's 70th birthday, an article entitled "David Bronstein: Generator of Ideas" appeared in the Russian periodical *Schachmaty Bulletin*.

But when I spoke to Bronstein recently in Oslo, he was far from pleased with either the story or the title.

For years Bronstein has been fighting for a higher form of chess than we see in contemporary tournaments. He argues, very persuasively, that the old spirit in which chess was played has been lost.

Technique has risen to such a level that even quite mediocre players know enough to keep reasonably firm control of their positions and thereby avoid losing to naturally stronger opponents. With memory alone they can follow theory for 20 or 30 moves and thus produce the moves of the greatest masters for the first part of the game.

The reward for these achievements is a higher rating, which reputedly shows the value of the player concerned.

To bring the life back into chess, Bronstein has made some radical proposals to change the format of tournaments, reduce the time for thought, and play a series of games against each single opponent.

Reducing the thinking time would decrease the value of memory and stamina, increase the value of intuition and make a greater variety of openings (even some dubious ones!) more plausible.

Playing some kind of mini-match against each opponent would reduce the importance of an accidental blunder and the advantage a player may have in playing White. In tennis a set comprises a number of games in which the players take turns serving. Why not adopt a similar system in chess?

I SUSPECT that the present system has remained intact because chess was never a spectator sport. In cricket the authorities were virtually forced to do something about the falling numbers of spectators, so they brought in one-day matches and encouraged groundsmen to prepare wickets which would help spin bowlers rather than just pace attacks. The results have been very positive.

Most people prefer to maintain the status quo, even if there is a better way, possibly because of vested interests. Thus they dismiss Bronstein as a "generator of ideas" and typecast him as a nice if somewhat eccentric old man who doesn't have anything important to say.

I would have preferred to give one of Bronstein's wins from Oslo, but the following game is a graphic illustration of the problem with modern chess. Playing White is the young Victor Bologan, who simply maintains the extra space conferred on him by having a duo of pawns on e4 and d4.

The older man loses patience and tries to create some play, and this proves to be his undoing. Is it right or even good for chess that Bologan's negative play should triumph?

Bologan, V – Bronstein, D
Italian Game

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 g6 7.d4 Qe7 8.Re1 Bg7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.h3 Bd7 11.Nf1 Rae8 12.Ng3 Kh7 13.a3 Ng8 14.b4 a6 15.Be3 Bc8 16.Qd2 Qf6

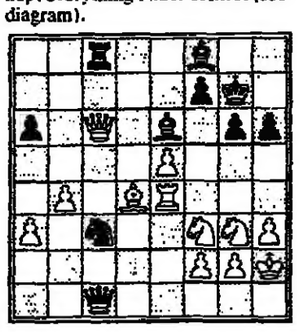
White has posted his pieces to prevent ...f7-f5 which is Black's thematic break in positions of this type. Over the next few moves Bronstein's pieces start to drift to bad squares in his attempts to organize counterplay.

17.Be2 Rd8 18.Rad1 Rfe8 19.Qa2 Bf8 20.Rf1 Kg7 21.Nh2 Qh4 22.Bc4 Re7 23.Bb3 Red7 24.Bd5 Re8 25.Bxc6 bxc6 26.Qc4

Very unpleasant, as 26...Ne7 is met by 27.dxe5.

26...d5 27.Qxc6 Ne7 28.Qa4 dxe4 29.dxe5 c6 30.Rxd7 Bxd7 31.Bd4 Be6 32.Re1 e3 33.Rxe3 Nd5 34.Re4 Qg5 35.Nf3 Qc1+ 36.Kh2 Nxc3 37.Qxc6 Rc8

This finally looks like counterplay for Black, but Bologan has kept everything under control (see diagram).

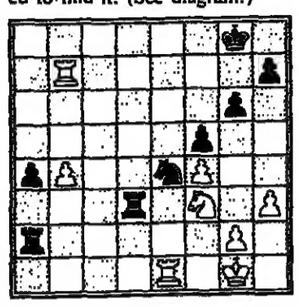


38.Qxc8! Bxc8 39.e6+ Kg8 40.e7 Nxe4

After 40...Bxe7 41.Rxe7, Black is threatened with 42.Re8+ and 42.Rc7.

41.e8=Q Nxg3 42.fxg3 1-0

The following critical position arose during Bronstein's game with Smirin. In his earlier calculations Bronstein intended the ingenious 1.Kh2!? Rxf3 2.Rd1, threatening mate on d8, but at the last minute he noticed a fatal flaw. As this week's problem you are invited to find it. (See diagram.)



IN LAST week's problem (Taimanov-Lissitsin). Taimanov played 1.Nxb7!!. The game continued 1...Rxb7 2.Qxb7! Qxb7 3.Rxc8 Kf8 (3...Qe7 4.Rxa8 followed by 5.Rcc8 wins) 4.Rb8! (the sting in the tail; 4...Qxb8 is met by 5.Nd7+ and 4...Qa7 by 5.Rxe8+ Kxe8 6.Rc8+ Ke7 7.Nc6+ followed by 8.Nxa7) 4...Qe7 5.Rxa8 and White won in a few more moves.

One IMP made the difference

BRIDGE

MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

East dealer
North-South vulnerable

North (Lazard)
♠ K62
♡ K9
◇ KJ86
♣ 10842

West (Rosenberg)
♠ QJ
♡ J1087532
◇ –
♣ J975

East (Zia)
♠ A743
♡ 4
◇ Q943
♣ AKQ3

South (Kaplan)
♠ 10985
♡ AQ6
◇ A10752
♣ 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
–	–	1♣	double
2♡	2NT	pass	pass
3♣	pass	pass	3◇
pass	4◇	(all pass)	

LAST week, I discussed the total-points form of scoring, which many years ago used to determine bridge matches.

In Vienna, before World War II, a new form of scoring was introduced. It was called European Match Points (EMPs). Eventually it was renamed International Match Points (IMPs), which is now used in all World Championship matches.

IMPs are not restricted to world championships or team matches. They have been adapted to pair games and are quite popular here. In pairs events, however, the luck of who your opponents are for any given two boards is huge, and your teammates are all the pairs sitting in the opposite direction – not what you would call a reliable group.

For example, in an IMP pairs game, all the North-South scores are added together and then divided by the number of tables to get an average score for the board. Your score is compared with this average and converted to IMPs. A more reliable form of scoring takes place in Swiss team events or knockout teams, when your score is compared only with your teammates' score.

Why are IMPs so popular? Let us begin by looking at the IMP table.

If the difference in total points between your score and your teammates' is 20 to 40, you gain (or lose, depending on whether your side was net plus or minus) one IMP; 50 to 80, two IMPs; 90 to 120, three IMPs; 130 to 160, four IMPs; 170 to 210, five IMPs; 220 to 260, six IMPs; 270 to 310, seven IMPs; 320 to 360, eight IMPs; 370 to 420, nine IMPs; 430 to 490, ten IMPs; 500 to 590, 11 IMPs; 600 to 740, 12 IMPs; 750 to 890, 13 IMPs; 900 to 1090, 14 IMPs; 1100 to 1290, 15 IMPs; and so forth up until 24 IMPs for a net score of 4,000 or more.

The swing (the difference in the two scores) on each board is computed just as in total-point scoring.

Then the swing is translated into IMPs, according to the table. Notice that large swings are compressed, so that one big swing cannot be decisive, but small swings increase in importance.

As a result, part-score swings play a vital role, but overtricks count for little. For example, if you score one overtrick in a three-heart contract, while your counterparts just make their nine tricks, you gain 30 points net, for a conversion to one IMP.

But if you make three hearts for plus 140 and your teammates defeat the same contract, vulnerable, for plus 100, the net score is 240. Your team gains six IMPs while the other team loses six IMPs.

Teams of four matches are usually won by at least 15 or 20 IMPs, but occasionally an extremely close match will occur.

IN THE recent American Vanderbilt Team championships, played in Cincinnati, Ohio, during March, the final match was determined by the narrowest margin in history.

The Gerard team, made up of Ron Gerard, George Steiner, Edgar Kaplan, Norman Kay and Sidney Lazard, had won the quarter-final by three IMPs and the semifinal by two IMPs (both incredibly close matches), but then lost the final by one IMP!

The winners were Seymon Deutsch, Gaylor Kasle, Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Chip Martel and Lew Stansby.

Early in the match, a delicate signal by Michael Rosenberg helped his partner, Zia, find an exciting play, which turned out to be the difference between victory and defeat.

In the Closed Room, East-West for the Gerard team scored plus 170 in a two-heart contract when the spade finesse worked and hearts divided nicely. The West declarer lost only three trump tricks.

In the Open Room, North-South competed more vigorously and South ended in four diamonds. Against this contract, Rosenberg (West) led the eight of hearts. Declarer won in dummy and played the king of diamonds. Rosenberg discarded the jack of hearts, clarifying the suit for his partner.

Declarer then led the six of diamonds from dummy, but this was covered by the nine and won in hand with the 10, while Rosenberg discarded the deuce of hearts (to show an odd number of hearts remaining). Declarer couldn't reach dummy to repeat the trump finesse, but rather than give up, he tried a spade toward dummy's king.

Rosenberg followed with the jack, and the king was taken by the ace. Zia (East) returned a spade, won by Rosenberg with his queen. Now Rosenberg played the five of hearts and Zia ruffed it with one of his two remaining trumps.

THE CRUCIAL point arrived. The defense had three tricks and needed only one club trick to defeat the contract (for plus 100). It is always tempting to cash the setting trick, but it is also nice to defeat a contract more than one trick if you can do so without risk. Zia still had a trump left and was dying to get back to his partner's hand to receive one more ruff.

In a situation like this, West is supposed to give a suit-preference signal in the suit that he leads back for partner to ruff.

If West held no honor in clubs, he was supposed to return the 10 of hearts (instead of the five) to tell partner not to try to reach him in clubs.

Not everybody would trust his partner in a situation like this, but Zia trusted Rosenberg. He led back the three of clubs (underleading his ace, king and queen!), and when Rosenberg won his jack, he returned another heart for partner to ruff. This meant down two, a score of 200.

Had Zia cashed a high club, the defense would have scored only 100 points. Since 170 had been made at the other table, the difference would have been 70, which converts to a two-IMP loss for his team. But by scoring 200 points, his side won a swing of 30, for a one-IMP gain, and that one little IMP was the final margin of victory.

Summer Tourism, 1994

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An individual is more likely than a group to sight a leopard near the Dead Sea, but is less likely to be believed. (Nitsan Shorer)

Rare experiences in the moonlight

NATURE

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

I often get letters from readers who say they've spotted animals not normally found here. Most often, it is a case of mistaken identity, but there are other possible explanations.

One doctor who lived in the area of Revivim in the Sixties thought he saw a large silver fox one evening. Silver foxes are not native here and it's most likely he spotted a hyena, which looks silvery in the moonlight, or a wolf, which has a bushy tail and is quite large.

But there is always the possibility that this was, in fact, a silver fox. During the Sixties a number of attempts were made here to raise fur-animals for commercial purposes. There were trials with mink and chinchilla and a variety of foxes, but the only animal established successfully here was the nutria. On several occasions some of these animals escaped into the wild.

It is feasible that a silver fox in the wild could survive for several years in an area where there was adequate food, water and shelter. But, without a mate, the species would not be established.

A REPORTED sighting of bears on the slopes of the Hermon in the early Fifties caused much debate. Without the back-up of other witnesses, a sighting will arouse disbelief. This has happened numerous times with reports of leopards in the area of the Dead Sea where in each case a lone individual claimed to have seen one. Later, we realized that it is far more likely for a single person, who moves about in relative silence, to have such an experience than a group, who may talk and scare the animals away.

We know more today about the flora and the fauna of the area than ever before, but there are still surprise discoveries of nonnative plants or rare birds and animals.

I remember the first report of storks nesting on a roof in Be'er Tuviya. Various experts spent two days arguing over whether the report was a hoax, until finally one of them drove to Be'er Tuviya and, sure enough, discovered storks, nest, eggs and all.

These are the things that make the world we live in so rich and exciting. When we begin to think we know it all, something is always just around the corner, waiting to surprise us.

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ACROSS

1 Be partial to sage as well (8)
5 Set out to escape the consequences (3,3)
9 Happened to have made one's maxi into a mini (6,2)
10 Glutton gets stuck into a drunkard stuck into a beer-barrel (6)
12 Mad cheers for Lech Walesa! (2,3,4)
13 Managed to get central heating for the farm (5)
14 Superb retreat and location (4)
16 I came from Rome, my boy, for the game (7)
19 In the company of a doctor beset by anxiety (7)
21 Beat found in Western dance (4)
24 American cape made of fur (5)
25 Well off? Anything but! (3,4,2)
27 Honour Ronald, the beloved of Titania (6)
28 BR employee at the back of the train or the front (8)
29 Political representative with responsibility for record-keeping (6)
30 Exploit sure to be reviewed in the paper (8)

DOWN

1 Admitted that a tenancy had been arranged (3,3)
2 Catherine grips artillerymen in self-defence (6)
3 Welsh woman goes to the East—which place? (5)
4 Extended talk about the United Nations (4,3)
6 Poets are distressed about new language (9)
7 See that it is put into orange squash! (8)
8 Getting to be attractive (8)
11 Sort of fuel used in an older vehicle (4)
15 Hung the washing on the line and kicked the bucket (6,3)
17 Step over a weapon if it gains you admittance (8)
18 Laugh uproariously when a two-race bet comes off (6,2)
20 To accompany two females is dandy (4)
21 Serving up uncooked food leads to conflict (7)
22 Do damage to one married couple (6)
23 English duets rewritten as advanced piano exercises (6)
26 Just one's entitlement (5)

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ACROSS: 1 Wrest, 4 Rained, 9 Anguish, 10 Mimic, 11 Torn, 12 Kingdom, 13 Lie, 14 Fete, 16 Sick, 18 Ash, 20 Apparel, 21 Rapt, 24 Corgi, 25 Kestrel, 28 Enrage, 27 Yield.

DOWN: 1 Wealth, 2 Eager 3 Toil, 5 Admonish, 6 Nomadic, 7 Decamp, 8 Shake, 13 Learning, 15 Emperor, 17 Gauche, 18 Alike, 19 Stolid, 22 Agree, 23 Easy.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Restrain (4)
3 Moving on hands and knees (8)
9 Port of Rome (5)
10 Sitting-room (7)
11 Ice-cream container (3)
13 Weariness (9)
14 Wooden hammer (6)
16 Filled with dismay (6)
18 Toupee (9)
20 Self-esteem (3)
22 Duo (7)
23 Indian loincloth (5)
25 Opening (8)
26 Scottish island (4)

DOWN

1 Scottish farm (5)
2 Decay (3)
4 Meal (6)
5 Indication of danger (7)
6 Give immunity (9)
7 Item of clothing (7)
8 Scottish Celt (4)
12 Warlike (9)
14 Brahman sage (7)
15 Heroic act (7)
17 Shooting star (6)
19 Small whirlpool (4)
21 Sheep-like (5)
24 Tree (3)

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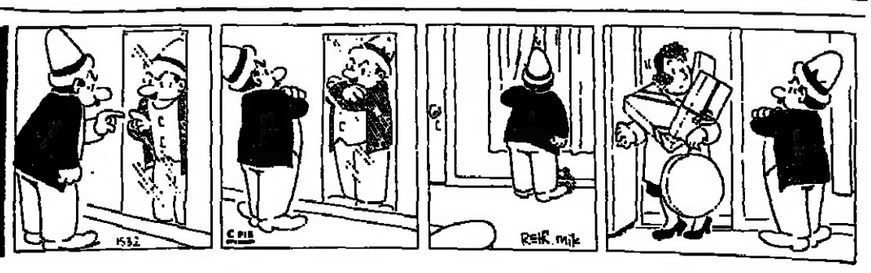
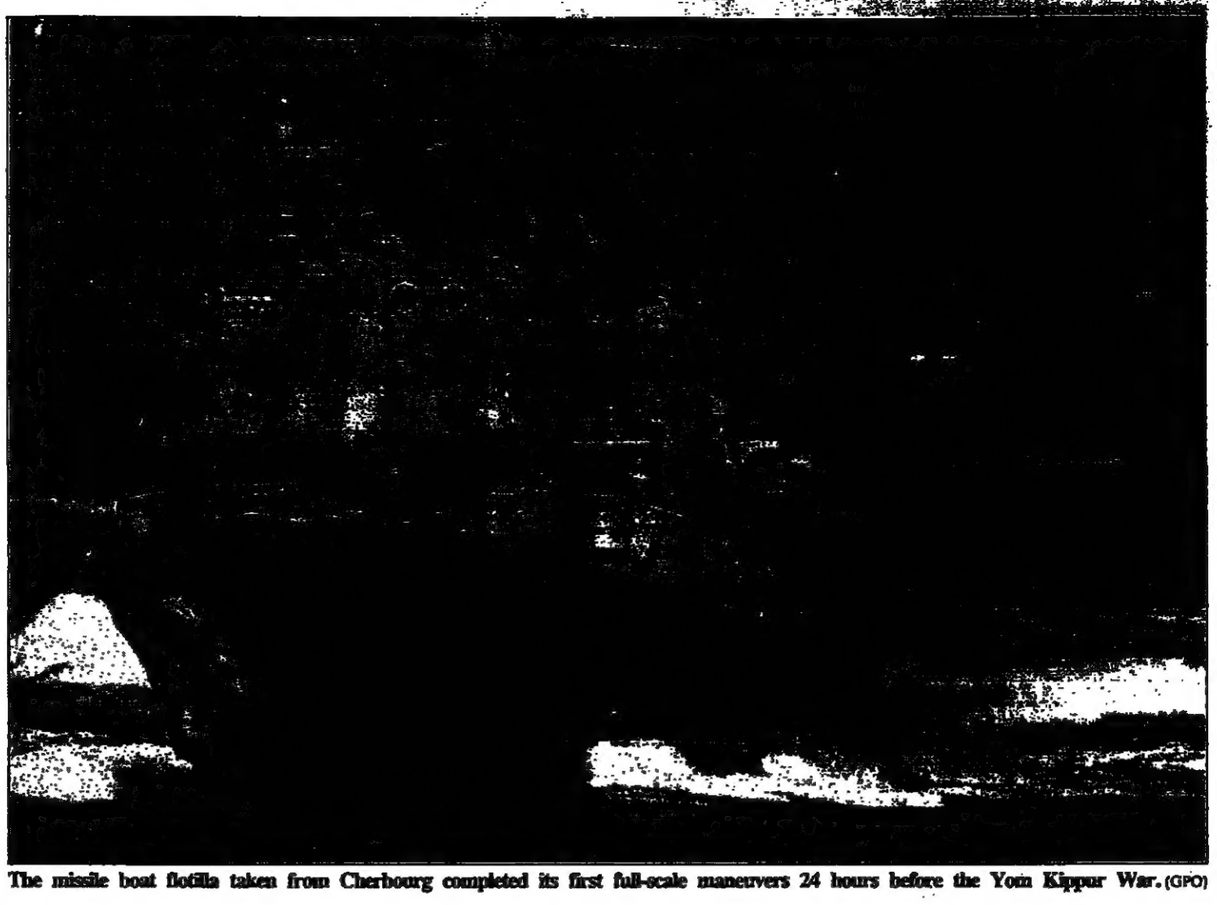


The Soufa: From flagship to fish bait

Once the flagship of the daring Cherbourg breakout, the Soufa now lies at the bottom of the sea as a tourist attraction for divers, Abraham Rabinovich writes



The missile boat flotilla taken from Cherbourg completed its first full-scale maneuvers 24 hours before the Yom Kippur War. (GPO)

THE small warship ended its career last week as fish bait, sunk deliberately off the Eilat shore to serve as an attraction for marine life and divers.

It was an ignominious end for a vessel which had begun its operational life leading a squadron into the teeth of a Force Nine gale in an exploit that titillated the world 25 years ago.

The Soufa was the flagship of the Cherbourg breakout, an operation that blended conceptual hutzpa with brilliant execution in a dazzling demonstration of a small nation's ability to have its way in a hard world.

The story began in naval headquarters in Haifa in 1960 when the idea was first proposed of providing patrol boats the punch of a cruiser by arming them with missiles.

No missile boats existed, but the navy – desperately seeking to replace its collection of castoffs – enlisted the country's fledgling military industries in a technological high adventure.

In a years-long effort – during which the Soviets would produce their own missile boats – Israeli engineers and naval officers succeeded in creating the first missile boats in the West, an astonishing achievement for a nation of three million.

Eight missile boats could be built for the price of a single destroyer, but each would be far more lethal than a destroyer with its powerful Gabriel missiles.

Construction of the 12 Saar-class boats that would serve as the first platforms for this system got underway in Cherbourg in 1965. As far as the French knew, they were conventional patrol boats.

Seven had been delivered by the time the arms embargo clamped on the eve of the Six Day War by French president Charles de Gaulle was extended to the Cherbourg vessels in January 1969. Construction of the five remaining boats continued and skeleton Israeli crews were permitted to take them out for sea trials.

It was the head of the Israeli military purchasing mission in Paris, Admiral Mordecai (Mocca) Limon, who conceived the idea of taking back by subterfuge the impounded boats.

The need for them had become urgent after the sinking of the Israeli destroyer Eilat in 1967 by a Russian-made missile boat delivered to Egypt. Despite the initial opposition of the Israeli government unwilling to risk severance of relations with France, Limon engineered a complex sting operation in which Israel formally signed away its claims to the boats.

They were in turn sold to a dummy Norwegian company, ostensibly to service oil rigs. Under this legal cover the vessels were fueled and provisioned. Eighty Israeli sailors dressed in civilian clothing and arriving by train from Paris were smuggled aboard and kept below decks.

The commander of the operation, Capt. Hadar Kimche, chose the Soufa as his flagship. The breakout would be attempted on Christmas Eve when the good burghers of Cherbourg would be sitting down to their holiday meal and the alertness of the French naval lookouts presumably dimmed by champagne.

However, a fierce storm caused Kimche to scrap the planned 8 p.m. departure. The captains of all five vessels gathered in the Soufa's cabin with Kimche as he and the squadron's weatherman monitored radio weather reports.

If they did not get away this night they might not get away at all since their preparations could not have escaped notice. But the waves outside were five storeys high. At 1:30 a.m., a radioman entered with a BBC weather bulletin. The wind was shifting and its speed diminishing.

The mood in the cabin turned electric, but Kimche said they would wait for confirmation. It came at 2 a.m. The captains synchronized their watches by the round brass clock on the Soufa wall and hurried to their vessels.

Precisely at 2:30 a.m., an officer on the bridge pressed the engine-room buzzer twice and the Soufa's four powerful engines thundered into life. The boat slipped its lines and headed toward the harbor entrance, only its mast light and sternlight showing faintly for the vessels behind to follow.

The wind was at their back as they turned south. As soon as they emerged into the Bay of Biscay, mountainous seas sent them into a stomach-turning roller-coaster ride. When the boats plunged to the bottom of a trough, the surging sea clutched at them and submerged the deck.

As they shuddered free and began the agonizing climb, huge green waves would lunge from behind and crash just astern. Kimche stood on the Soufa's bridge with a stopwatch, adjusting the boat's speed.

The Saars, however, were not alone. Zim freighters, mobilized for the operation, were positioned along the line of flight to render assistance in case any of the small vessels broke down.

Off the coast of Spain, the first of two fueling ships – a freighter converted for the occasion – awaited the Saars. A second waited off Malta.

After a day, the disappearance of the boats from their moorings began to draw international attention. The boats themselves were of no import, but the brazenness of the operation caught the fancy of the media.

"Where are they?" headlined a newspaper in Cherbourg. The British press reveled in the story. "It looks like the Israelis have pulled off a cheeky coup," wrote the *Daily Telegraph*. A Greek deputy minister drew a moral lesson from the Israeli exploit. "When a country wants to survive, it shall survive," he told the Greek press.

Disinformation mines planted by Limon began to go off, with reports that the boats were heading for Norway or Alaska. Journalists and French officials spread maps on their desks and swiveled rulers north toward Scandinavia and south toward the Mediterranean as they tried to determine how far the boats could get before refueling.

Television stations began sending news teams aloft to search for the boats. It was two days before five small vessels flying no flags and moving fast were reported to have passed Gibraltar.

The half-strength crews were exhausted by their efforts. Aboard the Soufa, an officer informed a woefully seasick cook that he would have to rise from his bunk and provide relief as a lookout. To prop him up, the officer tied the cook to a mast. Several hours after the watch was over the officer suddenly remembered the cook and cut him free.

The French government was called into special session. The outraged defense minister, Michel Debre, proposed sending warplanes to intercept the fleeing boats but cooler heads prevailed.

On New Year's eve the five boats entered Haifa Bay to find the world press waiting. When journalists demanded to speak to the commander, one of the boat captains assumed the role while Kimche slipped away.

The missile boat flotilla completed its first full-scale maneuvers 24 hours before Yom Kippur 1973. The first night of the war a squadron was dispatched to Syrian waters, where it engaged in the first missile-to-missile battles ever fought at sea.

The two sides never saw each other but fought electronic duels from beyond the horizon. Five Syrian vessels were destroyed. The Israeli boats were untouched. Two nights later, the Soufa was among six Israeli boats that engaged four Egyptian craft whose missiles had twice the range of the Gabriels.

Three of the Egyptian vessels were sunk without any Israeli losses. The Arab fleets would not emerge again and the vital supply lanes to Israel remained open. Israel's navy had defeated not only the Arab navies but the missile system of a superpower.

In the trauma of the Yom Kippur War, the navy's achievement went totally unnoticed and it would be years before information about it emerged.

Now navy buffs will be able to touch this long obscured bit of history – joining the fish swimming through the cabin where Hadar Kimche and his captains waited for the wind to shift 25 years ago.

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Lone Arab envoy holds center stage

GRAPEVINE

GREER FAY CASHMAN

REGARDLESS OF the remarkable increase in the number of foreign envoys hosted at the president's annual Independence Day reception for ambassadors and heads of religious denominations, attention continued to focus on Egyptian Ambassador **Mohammed Bassiouny**, who voiced the hope that next time around he would no longer be the sole representative of an Arab country.

But Bassiouny, who spent more time in the company of President **Ezer Weizman** and Foreign Minister **Shimon Peres** than did any of his colleagues, is unlikely to be at next year's reception unless he receives a special invitation. After 14 years in Israel and nearly eight years as ambassador, Bassiouny will end his tour of duty in July.

INVITED BY Prime Minister **Rabin**, **Lee Kuan Yew**, creator and first prime minister of independent Singapore, is scheduled to arrive in Israel on May 9. Lee will probably have to endure more questions about flogging than about political developments in his part of the globe.

The severe corporal-punishment component in the sentence of **Michael Fay**, the American Jewish teenager convicted in Singapore for vandalism, has aroused controversy in the US and the rest of the western world. **Gideon Remez**, Israel Radio's foreign news editor, passed along a request from the young man's father, **George Fay**, for a rabbi to visit his son on a regular basis.

THE PALATES of Japanese Ambassador **Katsuhisa Uchida** and his wife **Mamiko**, have adapted extremely well to Israeli cuisine in the two years since their arrival. They're particularly fond of the variety of eggplant dishes, which they say are quite different from those of Japan. Mamiko Uchida has acquired an Israeli cookbook with which she experiments from time to time.

When entertaining at home, however, the Uchidos usually adhere to their own culinary traditions. "But we have to be careful when we're serving sushi," says Katsuhisa Uchida. "Some of our guests don't eat fish which isn't kosher." One such guest who reportedly checked out the menu in advance was Jerusalem Mayor **Ehud Olmert**.

INTERVIEWED ON Israel Radio concerning the upcoming Histadrut elections, Olmert was asked whether he would vote for **Haim Haberfeld** or **Haim Ramon**. "Neither," he replied. "I would vote for Shamai." Unfortunately for Likud candidate **Ya'acov Shamai**, Olmert is not a member of the Histadrut.

"WHERE WAS Golda's kitchen?" was the most frequently asked question at the housewarming party hosted by economist and fiction writer **Yael Amishav** and her husband physicist **David Medved**. The couple have almost completed rebuilding and redecorating the penthouse apartment which was Golda Meir's official residence when she was labor minister.

Meir's kitchen – which is not the one in which she convened her kitchen cabinet – has been transformed into Medved's study.

The apartment is in an impressive old Arab building, which during the British Mandate was the headquarters of the Royal Air Force. Ownership was subsequently transferred to the Israeli government, which built apartments for senior officials whose private addresses were outside the capital. When the apartments were sold a few years later, occupants received first priority.

Meir's apartment was purchased by an Israeli diplomat whose family sold it to Amishav two years ago. Amishav and Medved, who moved in just before Pessah, intend to make their home an unofficial annex to the Jerusalem Theater, which is just next door. The housewarming was a sign of things to come.

Folksinger/guitarist **Elinor Veniadis**, whose Greek-born artist husband **Kerilos** has an exhibition of paintings at the Jerusalem Theater, entertained the guests. In addition to concerts, the politically conscious, French-born Amishav and her equally political American-born husband plan to host regular salon discussions on current affairs.

IRREVERENT POET **Didi Menusi** is using his attire to make a political statement. Menusi has taken to wearing a khaki galabia on which he has embroidered the IDF insignia. Israelis are astounded at first sight of the familiar yellow lettering on a garment which is not part of army issue. But once they get over the initial shock, Menusi's garb becomes a conversation piece – which is after all, the purpose of the exercise.

JERUSALEM POST Executive Editor **David Bar-Illan** was last week singled out as one of the 10 most important classical musicians in Israel. More widely known in his capacity as a pianist, Bar-Illan was named by conductor **Gary Bertini** in *Yediot Aharonot's* Independence Day supplement. Six leading figures from the world of classical music who were asked to submit their own lists of the top 10 came up with many more names in toto, but were in accord over those who emerged as the top three. The only lack of consensus regarding conductor/pianist **Daniel Barenboim** and violinists **Itzhak Perlman** and **Pinhas Zukerman** was the order of their importance.

Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny (above) spends his last Independence Day here with President Weizman and FM Peres; Japanese Ambassador Katsuhisa Uchida and his wife, Mamiko are on the lookout for a 'hechsher' for sushi. (IPPA: Yoav Rooks)

PLEDGING THAT this was his final fling, Dutch television journalist **Conny Mus** was this week re-elected to serve his fifth consecutive term as chairman of the Foreign Press Association. Mus, who narrowly defeated **Jay Bushinsky** of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, ran again only because he wanted to complete his unfinished business with the IDF. Mus and most FPA members claim that the IDF obstructs their work in the areas.

"SOMETIMES YOU wish for a dull moment," says **Sandy Rogers**, wife of Australian Ambassador **Peter Rogers**. Aside from the flurry of events which have rocked Israel in the three months that the Rogers family have been here, they've had to cope with temporary lodgings while major renovations are being carried out on the ambassador's official residence. It's not easy with 2½-year-old twins who are not yet in kindergarten.

On top of all that and their various social obligations, they have been busy organizing the annual ANZAC Day memorial service, which commemorates the ill-fated landing in Gallipoli on April 25, 1915, by Australian and New Zealand troops. The memorial service will be held at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery on Mount Scopus.

WHEN SHE was back home in Florida getting ready for her vacation in Israel, **Toby Goldberg** had no inkling she was about to become an instant celebrity. Goldberg, the millionth guest of the Jerusalem Renaissance Hotel, was presented with a silver statue created by Jerusalem sculptor **Sam Phillips** at the hotel's 10th anniversary celebrations.

Goldberg was part of a group led by American tour operator **Margaret Morse**, who has brought thousands of US citizens to Israel. Morse, who had not been let into the secret by the hotel's management, was no less thrilled than Goldberg herself.

A JOINT venture between local building contractor **Milo Rosenberg** and a group of New Jersey-based Holocaust survivors who have other investments in Israel, the 650-room Renaissance is currently the largest hotel in the country. Partners **Sam Halpern**, **Abraham Zuckerman** and **Joseph Wilf**, who obviously enjoy celebrations, were looking forward to future get-togethers. Halpern referred to the 25th anniversary, Wilf to the 20th and Zuckerman to the 13th "when we'll celebrate the bar mitzva of this hotel."

Yet another partner, **Murray Pantirer**, pointed out that the hotel was a symbol of the partners' dedication to Israel. The partnership has been expanded, he said, to include second- and third-generation offshoots of the founders.

BRITISH JEWS have fallen behind in the *Sunday Times* list of the most wealthy people in Britain. **Leon Taman**, with a personal fortune of £157 million and substantial holdings in Israel, is down from 89th to 174th place. There are still several Jews, including the **Rothschilds**, among the 100 richest Brits, but they are not nearly as high on the list as they used to be.

BOTH THE Foreign Ministry and the Japanese Embassy are working somewhat in the dark on the projected visit here on May 1 of a high-ranking Japanese government official. In the planning stages for several months, the visit was originally scheduled around Foreign Minister **Tsutomu Hata**. But he has become one of the front-line contenders for the premiership since the resignation of Prime Minister **Morihiro Hosokawa**, and thus no one is sure whether Israelis will be saying "Hai" to Hata or to someone else.

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